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## WORKERS! DEMONSTRATE MAY 1

### ROLPH INQUIRY IS FAKE, LETTER REVEALS

#### GOVERNOR FLEES CAPITOL UNDER ARMED ESCORT

Election Campaign and May Day to Demand Unconditional Release

#### Big Crowd Gathered

Hoover Invites Rolph to White House for Confab

SACRAMENTO, April 21.—In an atmosphere resembling military headquarters in a war area, Gov. Rolph of California today denied Tom Mooney's application for a pardon and freedom.

The capitol was surrounded by police. The governor himself was flanked on either side by detectives. A fast automobile was waiting for him near a side entrance to rush him to an airport from which he would fly to San Diego to a banquet of the "Gridiron Club," a newspaper publishers' organization.

He left Matt Sullivan, one of his two advisors, to answer all questions, refusing to do so himself.

**Huge Crowd**  
A huge crowd gathered around the capitol building. Another crowd was gathered in a park in the center of the city, all demanding Mooney's release.

The representative of the Western Worker was refused admission to the press room. Mother Mooney, who wore a sash with the words, "My son is innocent," was also refused admission. One worker who went to the reception hall was spotted by dicks and violently ejected.

**"Review" a Pretense**  
That Tom Mooney never had a chance, and that the whole "review" of the case was only a pretense, is made clear in a sensational letter just released by Edwin V. McKenzie, well known San Francisco attorney, to Sullivan.

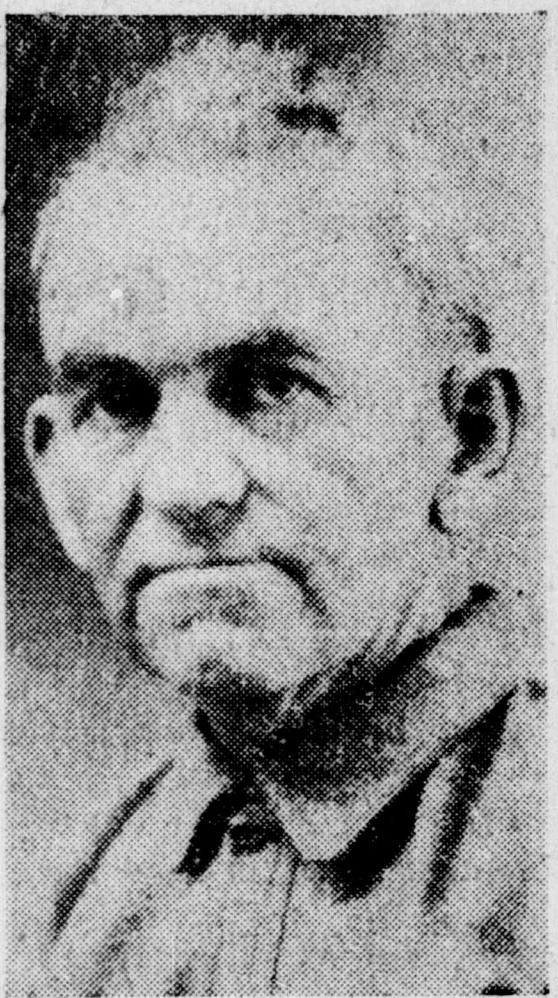
McKenzie says that he had some facts to offer which would clear up a number of questions. He offered these last December. He was not called, however, until April 8, when the decision was already finished. McKenzie's letter reads in part:

"I know that more or less two months ago Mr. Lewis F. Byington was a conspicuous guest at a birthday dinner in honor of his host, and that Byington, after making a speech in felicitation of his host, advised the guests there assembled that there was another subject which he proposed to discuss. He thereupon launched into a tirade against Mooney, characterized all persons who had supported him or might say anything in his behalf as un-American, said that he was Gov. Rolph's adviser and that Mooney would rot in jail before he would ever permit him to get out; the 'he' referred to, of course, being the speaker and not the governor.

**Ignorant of Facts**  
"About the same time, I rode on the street car with Mr. Byington from Montgomery street to the City Hall, and engaged in conversation with him with respect to the Mooney case. He had apparently not read a single word of the record in the case, did not know where 721 Market street was or the Eilers Building; wanted to know from me how Mooney planted Wade Hamilton on the Eilers Building to take the pictures; informed me that he had not read any of the record; said that at any rate Mooney's advocate was an extreme radical and that he had heard Mr. Frank P. Walsh at a Labor Day picnic some years ago, I offered at that time, as I have offered in the solution of the Mooney case by furnishing records in our possession and personal views with respect thereto."

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#### "Fight On," He Says



Tom Mooney calls for militancy on the part of the workers as the best answer to Gov. Rolph's denial of a pardon and the frame-up system which has kept Mooney in prison for 16 years.

#### WEI WINS FIGHT IN DEPORTATION PLOT; TO GO TO U. S. S. R.

L. L. D. Now Sharpens Drive to Save 12 Workers Jailed in Long Beach

LOS ANGELES, Calif., April 22.—Ming Hua Wei, Chinese student at the University of Southern California who was arrested last November 16 at a general membership meeting of the International Labor Defense, when anti-war leaflets were found on his car by members of the "Red Squad," will leave for the Soviet Union as soon as the necessary arrangements can be completed, the L.L.D. district office announced today.

Wei, who was about to be awarded a master's degree by the University for a scholarly thesis on the history and growth of Communism in China, was held for several days at the county jail here "for investigation," then released by the city police and at once rearrested by the Federal Immigration authorities without a warrant. Wei was met outside the jail by a uniformed immigration officer, then held for deportation.

#### DEPORTATION MEANT DEATH

During the deportation hearing, the arresting officer was forced to admit he had no warrant when he picked Wei up outside the jail, but said that Wei was "free to come and go as he pleased." The arrest after the "Red Squad" had notified the immigration officers of their intention to release Wei at a certain time, but the telegraphic warrant arrived from Washington about mid-afternoon.

Leo Gallagher, attorney for the L. L. D., during the proceedings, showed that deportation to Kwantung meant death for any militant class-conscious worker, and won permission to have Wei depart voluntarily. The order granting departure came through from Washington April 4.

#### BAR VISITORS

In order that Wei might not speak to other workers, inside the county or out, as to the reason for his arrest and deportation, the jail authorities here have placed him in a tank by himself and denied him the usual privilege of having visitors, granted to the most hardened criminals.

Negotiations with the steamship lines thus far have brought the (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)

#### ONE-HALF OF SIGNATURE QUOTA OBTAINED; DRIVE EXTENDED TO MAY 10; MORE ACTIVITY URGED

Widest Participation of Workers in Campaign is Vital if Party is to Get Place on Ballot

The campaign to collect 23,000 signatures necessary to place the Communist Party officially on the ballot in California has reached the mid-mark according to an announcement by the Campaign Committee of the Communist Party.

With 11,500 signatures gathered, the campaign has been extended until May 10 to ensure the collection of the full amount required by laws.

Activity involving the widest participation of hundreds of active workers thruout the state will be necessary to carry out the task of placing the Party on the ballot, the Committee stated, inasmuch as 60 per cent of the period for the drive has already elapsed.

#### SOME CITIES SLOW

While many cities, particularly in the northern part of the state, were lagging behind, a rough estimate as the Western Worker was going to press indicated that San Francisco and Los Angeles were battling for first place, with San Francisco slightly in the lead.

On the other hand, reports arriving in the office of the Campaign Committee revealed that Sacramento, Stockton, Eureka and Ft. Bragg and several other cities were making a miserable showing in the signature drive. While San Jose has already passed its quota, steps are being taken to whip up further activity—since the quota originally assigned was ridiculously low. A meeting of the San Jose Section held recently went on record as calling for an immediate activation of all available workers for this task.

Realizing the need for the most (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3)

#### UNEMPLOYED WILL UNMASK AIMS OF CAL. 'HEARINGS'

Will Send Delegations; Sharp Letter Sent to Commission Shows Misery

For the purpose of unmasking the real purpose of the hearings being called in seven cities of the state by the California Unemployed Commission, and force some immediate relief, delegations are being sent by the California Unemployed Councils.

In a sharply worded letter addressed to the Commission, the Unemployed Councils reviews the fight of the California jobless for real relief and the bosses' answer in the form of police clubs, arrests and frame-ups.

#### BLIND TO SUFFERING

Pretending to be blind to the terrible suffering among the 800,000 unemployed workers of California, the Commission, judging by its announcement of the hearings will concern itself with a vague discussion of "technological unemployment" place early in the morning. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)

#### For Vice-President



J. W. Ford, Communist candidate for vice-president, who was recently ejected from a congressional hearing when he spoke on behalf of the ex-servicemen's bonus.

#### Oregon Liberals Join Workers in Fight on Anti-Labor C.S. Law

PORTLAND, Ore., April 22.—The campaign of the International Labor Defense for the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law which has been receiving increased support from the workers and farmers of the state, has been further strengthened by aid of a newly-formed committee of prominent liberals.

Former Governor Walter M. Pierce is chairman of the liberal committee which includes A. B. Hall, president of the University of Oregon, Professor Noble of Reed College, and a long list of lawyers, artists, students, and even ministers.

#### CHINESE RED ARMY TAKES CHANGCHOW IN LATEST DRIVE

Tremendous Victory; City is One of Most Important in China

#### Is Gateway to the Sea

Japanese Continue Incitements Against USSR

#### BULLETIN

AMOY, China, April 22.—With the complete evacuation of all government troops, the population of Amoy was preparing to welcome the victorious Red Army under General Sun Liang-Chen, who has routed the government troops on his march to Amoy.

Severest terror has been used by government troops to hold back the revolutionary masses in this city, and with their departure the population came onto the streets in the first free assemblage.

CHANGCHOW, April 20.—Smashing thru all opposition, the Chinese Red Army today marched into Changchow, capturing the city.

Thousands lined the streets, wildly cheering the triumphal entry of the Chinese Red troops. This important city thus becomes part of the area under the control of the Chinese Soviets, with a population of over 80,000,000 persons. Changchow is a strategically-situated city, and one of the most important in China. It is the gateway to the sea of a large part of the Soviet area.

This spectacular victory of the Chinese Red Army thus exposes as a tissue of lies the tales of the capitalist press about the "defeats" of the revolutionary troops.

Unconcealed threats against the Soviet Union continue to be made by high Japanese government officials. These incitements come (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4)

### SAN FRANCISCO, SACRAMENTO, OTHER CITIES PLAN PARADES; MEETINGS THROUOUT THE WEST

Make All May Day Meetings Powerful Demonstrations for the Freedom of Tom Mooney

Mass Meeting, Concert on Eve of May 1 in San Francisco, Native Sons Hall

May Day demonstrations in the West this year will be larger and more militant than ever, judging by reports from numerous cities coming to the Western Worker.

The western meetings and parades will be part of the nationwide demonstrations thruout the U. S., at the same time as millions of proletarians in foreign lands will be mobilized on the traditional holiday of the working class.

In the West preparations are in full swing for impressive demonstrations in Denver, Salt Lake City, Phoenix, Seattle, Portland and scores of other industrial and agricultural centers.

In Portland a demonstration will be held at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of May Day at the Plaza Park, 4th and Main Sts., and on the previous evening a mass meeting will be held at the Workers' Hall, 191 1/2 Third St., at 8 o'clock.

In some of the cities parades are being planned while in others indoor mass meetings will be held. Some cities on the other hand, like San Francisco, are planning both large indoor mass meetings and a street parade.

#### CALIFORNIA MEETINGS

Following a succession of huge mass demonstrations, notably the State Hunger March, the California May Day meetings and parades are expected to be the largest in the history of the state. Large turnouts of workers are anticipated in San Francisco, Fresno, Stockton, San Diego, Bakersfield, San Bernardino and other cities. In San Diego present plans call for a demonstration at the waterfront park and a march to the Workers Center, on 5th Ave. In Fresno there will be a demonstration in the Park, and in Bakersfield, a mass meeting in the Labor Temple.

In Sacramento there will be a parade beginning at 12:30 at City Plaza park. The march will follow (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3)

#### CITIES OFFICIAL REPORTS

After citing an official report to show that Los Angeles has been harder hit by the crisis than any other city in the state; after attacking the use of the "Red Squad" to beat up workers who gathered to form a Hunger March to San Francisco in order to demand cash relief and unemployment insurance; after attacking the corruption and vice upon which grafting politicians fatten while workers stand in breadlines for degrading crumbs of relief; Sandler sailed into the platforms and records of the other candidates, revealing them to be against the interests of workers and representing those of the boss class.

By ignoring the poverty and hunger of workers while a member of the Legislature, Dempster has blocked relief for the hundreds of thousands of jobless workers and their families, Sandler declared. "And what do we workers find in Dempster platform? First the construction of a steam plant by the city and the extension of the city's electric distribution system. Will these fill the empty bellies of unemployed workers? Will they stop workers' families from being evicted? No! They will result in more graft for bootlicking politicians!"

#### S. P. BETRAYS JOBLESS

"And then, since this is the usual period of pre-election bunk, Dempster calls for vigorous action to promote Southern California consumption of Los Angeles made products in order to create jobs. Political humbug! Dempster makes no mention of cash relief to the unemployed. There is no talk of a higher standard of living for (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4)

### NORTHWEST TOWNS GO ON 'WARRANT' PAYMENT BASIS

Seattle Among Cities Broke; Banks to Reap Harvest On Discounting

SEATTLE, Wash., April 20.—King County, Washington, which includes the city of Seattle, went on a Warrant basis on April 14, as the county treasury is overdrawn. All county employees and contracts will be paid with warrants the value of which will depend upon the robber bankers and speculators of the West.

County Auditor, George A. Grant, in announcing the warrant basis, tried to conceal the cause of the huge deficit which is the usual case of graft and evasion of taxes of the rich by blaming the unemployment. He said that welfare expenditures have been \$125,000 a month since the first of the year, whereas in "normal" time \$100,000 has been sufficient for the whole year. Grant's statement is here also interpreted to be an attempt to influence public opinion to permit the shutting-off of all relief. Other attempts to stop relief have been unsuccessful due to the mass pressure of the Unemployed Councils. The auditor also claimed that due to the economic crisis there has been a delinquency of more than \$500,000 in payment of county taxes.

### Mooney Makes Stirring Reply to Rolph Action Gives Facts Proving Capital Dictated Rolph's Decision; Calls for Militant Struggle

"I call upon the united militant and revolutionary working class to accept this challenge," Tom Mooney says in a fiery reply to Gov. Rolph's denial of a pardon for this frame-up worker.

In his statement Mooney calls upon the workers to intensify the fight to free not only himself, but all class-war prisoners. "They must fight."

The full text of Mooney's statement follows:

Governor Rolph's denial of my pardon, in the face of indisputable proofs of my innocence, is a perfect and final vindication of the whole rotten frame-up system. The capitalist conspirators tried by the foulest of perjuries to do me to death on the gallows. They failed to hang me because the demonstration of the revolutionary workers of Russia in April, 1917, called the attention of the entire world to this monstrous frame-up. Having failed to lynch me legally, they decreed that I must die in prison.

"And why?"

"Because I was an incorruptible and militant Trade Unionist, always alert and ever active in the interests of the working class. Because of this, I incurred the undying enmity of the labor-baiting Public Utilities interests of this state and their allies, the corrupt officialdom of the American Federation of Labor."

"They turned loose their hired perjurers and assassins, and at the hands of officials completely under the corrupt influence of the Dictatorship of Capital had me convicted on the slimmest framed-up perjured evidence, and have kept me buried alive for the past and best sixteen years of my life in a tomblike cell in San Quentin Prison."

"Governor Rolph and his advisers did not base their findings on the facts of my frame-up but merely carried out the bidding of their masters, men represented individually by persons like Herbert Fishacker, Harry Chandler, Robert Dollar, Frederick Koster, and William Crocker, and collectively by the Chamber of Commerce."

"What chance did I have of receiving a fair and impartial hearing from representatives of as unprincipled a bunch of pirates as ever scuttled a ship? None whatsoever! The cards were stacked and the dice were loaded against me!"

"Lest I be accused of making 'wild statements,' let us examine the line-up against me. First there was Governor James Rolph, Jr., of California, who needed advisers to 'look into the facts' of the Mooney case. He was mayor of San Francisco at the time of the

Preparedness Day disaster, and could not help knowing the facts of the dastardly frame-up against me. HE WAS IN THE OFFICE OF FREMONT OLDER, NOW MANAGING EDITOR OF THE SAN FRANCISCO CALL-BULLETIN, WHEN DRAPER HAND, A SAN FRANCISCO POLICE OFFICER, WHO HAD CHARGE OF THE WITNESSES IN MY CASE, CONFESSED THE PART HE PLAYED IN COACHING THE WITNESSES TO COMMIT PERJURY AGAINST ME.

"For his trouble, Draper Hand was kicked off the police force on some pretext. That's what happened to a man for confessing his part in my frame-up. But what happened to the arch-framer, Charles M. Fickert, one of the leading instigators and executors in the conspiracy against me? FICKERT, CAST OUT BY HIS MASTERS, WAS PICKED UP OUT OF THE GUTTER BY GOVERNOR ROLPH AND APPOINTED BY HIM TO THE POSITION OF LEGAL ADVISER TO THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD!"

"Governor Rolph's chief adviser was Matt I. Sullivan, formerly Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court. In their decision on Billings' pardon application, the California Supreme Court proved its bitter prejudice against Mooney and Billings. When MacDonald came to California to confess his perjury before the Supreme Court, THEY ARRIVED AT THE STARTLING CONCLUSION THAT HE WAS LYING IN 1930 WHEN HE TOLD THE TRUTH, AND TOLD THE TRUTH IN 1916 WHEN HE WAS LYING! The examination of witnesses, including Billings, by Justices of the Supreme Court would have been worthy of Torquemada and the Spanish Inquisition."

"One of the reasons why the California Supreme Court had been particularly bitter against Mooney and Billings was because the Mooney defense exposed F. W. Henshaw, for twenty years Justice of the Supreme Court, for taking a \$410,000 bribe in the Fair bill case, for changing his decision in that case when it came before the California Supreme Court for a rehearing. Henshaw was forced to resign because of this exposure. JUSTICE HENSHAW, WHILE A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT, WAS THE BRAINS AND THE GUIDING LEGAL GENIUS BEHIND MY FRAME-UP. THE DENSMORE DICTOGRAPH RECORD EXPOSED THE HOOK-UP BETWEEN FICKERT AND HENSHAW, BOTH SERVANTS OF THE ESAME CORRUPT INTERESTS."

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# FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER, TERROR AND WAR

## Communist Election Platform

State of California

We are in the fourth year of the crisis. For the workers of California and of the nation this has been the most serious crisis in the history of the U. S. In California alone in the last two years, one worker out of every two lost his or her job. For every dollar which workers in California received in wages in 1930 they receive only 45c today. Hunger, evictions, gas and electric shut-offs have caused an appalling number of people, willing to work but unable to find any, driven to despair, to commit suicide. It is a matter of record that in Los Angeles alone as high as thirteen people have committed suicide in a single day.

When workers presented their demands for relief, the city and state officials first tried to fool them with speeches full of promises and failing, met them with police clubs and arrests. Men, women and children, on the State Hunger March to petition the Governor for relief during January 1932, had their heads cracked open by thugs of the Los Angeles police department, had a water hose turned on them by Madera city officials, were run out of Monterey County by motorcycle escort, had the leaders arrested, jailed and in one case incarcerated in an insane asylum and were threatened and brow-beaten in every part of the State, in a desperate effort of the bosses to prevent the State Hunger March demonstration from taking place.

### Terror Against Starving

When the wrath of the people of California against the corrupt Rolph machine was demonstrated by 100,000 people on January 11 in San Francisco, the State Government answered this not with food, clothing or other forms of relief but with mass arrests and abolition of the ordinary right of citizens to meet and assemble, notably in Los Angeles, Long Beach and San Francisco. Workers striking against wage cuts had the whole State Police force mobilized against them. Negro and Filipino neighborhoods were terrorized and workers arrested on the slightest excuse or without any excuse, beaten without mercy "to keep them in their place." Mexican workers were torn from their families and run across the border without any semblance of a trial on the excuse that the Immigration Officials were "reducing unemployment." In one case, Arisoe, a World War Veteran who served in the American Army, the father of four American born children was deported to the swamp-infested region of Acapulco, because he was "suspected of Red ideas."

While the capitalist politicians were using the severest brutality to beat down any attempts of the working class to improve conditions, there were enriching themselves by plundering public funds. It is an open secret that City and State payrolls are padded in order that the corrupt political machines of the bosses may have larger funds to distribute as patronage. More than three times the original estimate of the Hetch Hetchy project has already been spent altho its completion is not yet in sight. Judges and leading politicians in Los Angeles have been caught red-handed accepting graft. Prostitution, bootlegging, and gambling are protected by the capitalist politicians because of the huge graft in them. Los Angeles is officially listed as third in the country in the extent of its vice.

### "Public Works Program" A Fraud

In his letter to the Hunger Marchers, Governor Rolph refused to do anything about rendering relief but did promise a public work program. To date this public work program has turned out to be a colossal fraud. Not a shovelful of dirt has been turned on the proposed Golden Gate Bridge. The number of Hetch Hetchy workers have been reduced, not increased. The State Labor camps only accomplished this: that they threw out of work many workers legitimately employed at regular wages in the Sierras. The Associated Charities, likewise, compels thousands of workers to displace wage-earners for the price of a basket of groceries and carfare.

Eight hundred thousand workers are pacing the streets and highways of California jobless; but while these men and women are unable to find work, thousands of young children are forced to sell papers, work in the canneries and on the fields at all hours of the night with great detriment to their health. Those workers who once had jobs have had their wages slashed to a starvation level. The workers in the agricultural fields have had their wages slashed as much as 40-50%. The railroad workers were cut 10% and are threatened with still more cuts. There is hardly an industry in the State where the workers have not been cut at least 10%.

### Farmers Driven Off Land

Throughout the State farmers are losing their land. The Bank of America is conducting a campaign called "Back to Good Times," but its land subsidiaries are foreclosing on the farms, driving the farmers off the land and pauperizing the whole country population. The farmers are unable to find a market for their produce and railroads insist on payment in advance for freight charges before they will accept the produce for market. Even those farmers who in previous years were able to make a comfortable living are today losing the roofs over their heads. The farmers working irrigated land are dispossessed by foreclosures and the land turned into desert because the banks are tearing up the pumps in order to reduce the taxes. Thus, rather than let the farmers eke out some livelihood, the government and the banks are turning irrigated land into desert land.

In all industries the State and the bosses are combining to reduce production and throw still more workers into unemploy-

ment. The so-called conservation measures in the oil industry, the reduction of acreage in the agricultural industry, the elimination of trains on the railroads—these are only a few of the outstanding examples.

### Workers and Farmers of California!

What has this meant to us? These miserable conditions are rapidly reducing us to beggary. In the midst of plenty we are starving. While we must leave our crops to rot in the fields, the farms are being confiscated and the workers of the cities are dying of starvation precisely for the lack of this produce. Thousands of tons of food are being destroyed in an effort to maintain price levels.

What are the bosses and the bosses' government doing about it?

The whole State is being filled with huge army, navy and air bases. We are being put on a militarist footing in preparation for a new war. The campaign of the capitalist press to increase military fortifications in the San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco harbors means a greater war burden of taxes upon us.

### A. F. of L., Socialists Aid Bosses

Together with the capitalist officials who openly work as agents of the bosses against the workers, the leaders of the American Federation of Labor and the Socialist Party have united against any protest of the working class. In the northern part of the State, the A. F. of L. leader organized a fake Union Labor Party which in no way represents the interests of the workers and is established only to mislead the people into supporting their enemies, the present city and state administrations, which they endorsed. It is a notorious fact that the leader of the Socialist Party, Cameron King, has been given a soft job by the Rossi-Rolph machine in S. F. City Hall as payment for services rendered them in helping to suppress the protests of the workers. In Southern California, Buzzel, the head of the A. F. of L., is working hand in hand with the Red Squad, to ferret out those workers who propose to fight against wage cuts, to strike and to picket against worsening conditions. T. A. Reardon, formerly one of the leading bureaucrats of the A. F. of L., has now become Rolph's chief advisor against the workers.

The Socialist Party has tried to split and mislead the jobless workers by pretending to organize demonstrations for relief separately from the Unemployed Council movement and then deserting the workers at the last minute, thereby throwing confusion into the ranks of the unemployed and helping the bosses. The notorious Hynes of the Los Angeles Red Squad openly boasts that Busick of the Socialist Party calls him in to cooperate against the Communists and other militants.

These boss agents are partners to the outrageous exploitation of human misery by the Associated Charities which compels starving workers to work all day for carfare and a basket of groceries each week, or in the case of single workers only for a bowl of soup. These same Associated Charities refuse on every pretext, food to starving families although it has collected tens of millions of dollars for that purpose. The largest part of these funds collected under the guise of feeding the starving, have been turned over to such organizations as the YMCA, Boy Scouts, and other militarist and semi-militarist bodies.

### Communist Party Leads Struggles

Every fight for unemployment relief, for social insurance, against boss terror, against imperialist war, for the protection of women, youth and children, has been led by the Communist Party. It is for this reason, that the Communist Party has been hounded by the police and immigration officials, by the A. F. of L., by the daily press, the courts and other agents of the bosses.

All events have proven that this government is a bosses' government. That under this Government no permanent solution can be found for the misery and suffering which is the lot of the workers and poor farmers today. That only the destruction of the bosses government and the profit system which it protects, and its replacement by a government of workers and farmers which abolishes private ownership and runs industry for the social benefit of the producers can find such a permanent solution. It is precisely because the workers of the Soviet Union have shown this correct road that huge military preparations are being made for war against it. Unemployment has been completely abolished, the conditions of the workers are continually being raised to a higher level in striking contrast to the every deepening crisis in the capitalist world. The candidates of the Communist Party pledge to carry on the fight against such a war and to promote the closest alliance between the masses of the American workers and farmers and those of the Soviet Union, against the imperialists who want war.

The Communist Party enters its candidates in this election with the purpose, firstly, of advancing the workers' militant struggle behind this platform, for an improvement in the conditions of the workers and poor farmers, and secondly, for the purpose of electing the representatives of the working class into official positions that they may be able in these positions to continue fighting in our class interests and against the boss class and its agents. We, therefore, call upon all workers and poor farmers of California, all thinking intellectuals, and pauperized middle-class people, to join with us in the fight for the following demands:

### Against Unemployment and Wage Cuts

1. To give every unemployed worker immediate cash relief, no evictions, gas and electric shut-offs, because of non-payment of rent by the unemployed.
2. We demand a permanent system of social insurance at the expense of the employers providing for full wages to the unemployed workers, support of sick and aged, and for the support of women unable to work because of child-birth.
3. These funds shall be raised by a graduating tax on all incomes above \$3,000. All salaries of city officials above \$3,000 shall go to the relief funds, and no taxation of city employees earning less than \$3,000 per year.
4. Immediate stopping of all wage cuts. All contractors on city and state jobs to be forced to pay union rates of wages. All private fee-charging employment agencies are to be abolished.
5. We are against all discrimination now being practiced by the City administration especially in the distribution of relief to Negro, Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, and other foreign born workers.

### Against Bosses' Terror and Police Brutality

1. We demand the abolition of all city regulations which interfere with the unlimited right of workers to meet, organize, strike, demonstrate or picket on the streets or in halls.
2. The immediate abolition of the "fink" agencies and the black-list system on the water-front and in all employment offices.
3. The immediate release of Mooney and Billings, the Imperial Valley and all other political prisoners.
4. The repeal of the State Criminal Syndicalism Law.
5. The right of workers on city and state jobs to organize.
6. The control of all jobs distribution on city relief jobs by committees elected from the ranks of the unemployed.
7. The abolition of vagrancy laws.
8. We demand the abolition of special police squads for persecuting workers, such as the Los Angeles Red Squad.

### Fight Against the Pauperization of the Farmers

1. Farmers shall have the right to a minimum return for their labor put in irrespective of the claims of banks or other credit corporations.
2. All foreclosures shall be strictly prohibited.
3. Government insurance for live stock and crop losses.
4. Immediate reduction on all water and power rates.

### Protection of Working Women, Youth and Children

1. We demand the immediate abolition of all child exploitation and support, from Government funds, of the children now working.
2. We demand the abolition of all rules which discriminate against women and youth in the distribution of city relief jobs.
3. We demand that all young people who are old enough to work shall have the right to vote.
4. We demand free lunches, clothing and carfare for workers' children in public schools.

### Against War Preparations

1. We demand the right of soldiers and sailors to organize into trade unions and workers clubs; to have the right to discuss political questions, and to fight for the improvement of their conditions.
2. We demand the right of all soldiers and sailors to vote.
3. We declare ourselves against all military preparations, the creation of new air bases, navy bases, military colleges and fortifications, on the California Coast.
4. We demand the right of militant workers' children to organize against military training in the schools.
5. We demand the abolition of all imperialist war propaganda especially that aimed against Oriental peoples and against the Soviet Union.
6. We demand the immediate withdrawal of all U. S. forces from China.
7. We demand the recognition of the Soviet Union, and that the ports of California be used to encourage trade with it.
8. We demand that all military, naval and air appropriations be diverted for the unemployed.

### Vote Communist

The candidates nominated for office by the Communist Party are pledged to fight for these demands, which are aimed to improve the conditions of the workers and farmers. While fighting for these immediate demands, the Communist Party aims to build the militant trade unions and other organizations of the working class in order to strengthen the struggles of the working class for better conditions. We invite all workers to join with us to carry on the struggles for the establishment of a government of workers and farmers and for the abolition of the present government of the bosses.

Through militant struggle, through uncompromising fight we can defeat the bosses and their American Federation of Labor and Socialist agents.

Workers and Farmers of California! In the election fight there are two basic forces—the working class against the boss class. Vote Communist! Vote for the candidates of the working class against the candidates of the capitalist class whether they run on the Socialist, Democratic or Republican or other boss platform.

**Vote for the Only Working Class Candidates!**  
**Join the Communist Party!**

## MOONEY MAKES STIRRING REPLY TO ROLPH'S ACTION DENYING PARDON

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"The Supreme Court is one of the Sacred Cows of Capitalism, and woe be unto him who offends its dignity. With the exposure of Henshaw, the great traditions of the Sacred Cow were dashed into the mud. Since that time, five governors have held office in California; the California Legislature has met at least once every two years; the American Bar Association meets annually; and the San Francisco Bar Association meets regularly, but not once have these dignitaries of the Law and the State ever mentioned the Henshaw bribe publicly and demanded that it be investigated. Silence has pervaded the atmosphere of California's officialdom on this \$410,000 bribe of Justice Henshaw of the California Supreme Court.

SULLIVAN—HANGMAN

"The selection of Matt I. Sullivan, with the traditions of the Supreme Court behind him, was a step in the direction of killing, from the start, any chance for a favorable decision on my pardon application. They had to uphold the dignity of the Sacred Cow.

IT IS NO ACCIDENT THAT CHIEF JUSTICE WILLIAM H. WASTE OF THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT HAS PAID AT LEAST TWO VISITS TO GOVERNOR ROLPH IN CONNECTION WITH MY PARDON APPLICATION.

"Another 'adviser' was Mr. Lewis F. Byington. IN FOLLOWING THE HOOK-UP BETWEEN MR. BYINGTON AND THE UNITED RAILROADS, REMEMBER THAT THIS ORGANIZATION WAS ONE OF THOSE THAT WAS LARGELY INSTRUMENTAL WITH MY PARDON APPLICATION.

"Lewis Byington was an attorney for Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, when the latter was tried at the time of the San Francisco Graft Prosecution. He is a nephew of T. L. Ford, who was chief attorney for the United Railroads, also implicated in the San Francisco Graft Prosecution. Mr. Byington has a nephew, who is a detective for the United Railroads. For prosecuting the grafters in the graft scandal involving officials of the United Railroads, District Attorney Francis J. Heeneey was shot

down in open court. Charles M. Fickert was the United Railroads candidate for District Attorney, who, when elected, appeared in court and moved for the dismissal of the indictments. Martin Swanson, detective for the United Railroads, together with Charles M. Fickert, were the leading lights in instigating my frame-up. I incurred the undying enmity of the United Railroads when I tried to organize their platform men who went out on strike in 1916, just a few days before the Preparedness Day disaster. Weinberg and Billings were framed because they refused to accept \$5,000 offered them by Swanson to become a part in the conspiracy against me. Had they accepted the bribe to testify against me, they would have been the Oxman and MacDonald in my case.

### BYINGTON'S "ADVICE"

"Since being appointed adviser, Lewis Byington has gone out of his way to denounce me in public.

"AND THIS IS THE MAN WHO WAS ADVISING GOVERNOR ROLPH HOW TO DISPOSE OF MOONEY! THE APPOINTMENT OF LEWIS BYINGTON IN THE CAPACITY OF ADVISER

TO THE GOVERNOR ON MY PARDON APPLICATION WAS EQUIVALENT TO STATING THAT THE MOONEY PARDON WAS TO BE DECIDED UPON BY THE SAME CROWD THAT FRAMED MOONEY IN THE FIRST PLACE!

"What evidence remains to connect me with the crime for which I was convicted? None whatsoever! There were just two witnesses who testified for the State against me, placed at the scene of the bomb explosion—they were Frank C. Oxman and John McDonald. After my trial they were exposed by my defense as mercenary perjurers, whose stories were framed for them by the police and the district attorney.

"At my trial Oxman swore he saw Billings and myself at the scene of the explosion. The truth is that he was at Woodland, California, 90 miles away from San Francisco, at the very moment he claimed to have seen us place the bomb.

"John MacDonald also swore at my trial that he saw us at the scene of the explosion. He later confessed the first time he ever

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# World-Wide May Day Demonstrations Being Planned

## MOONEY MAKES STIRRING REPLY TO ROLPH'S DENIAL OF PARDON

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saw us was when we were pointed out to him in the police station after our arrest. Lieutenant-Governor Carnahan, while examining John MacDonald before Governor Young and the California Pardon Advisory Board, August 2, 1930, proved beyond all shadow of a doubt, that what MacDonald swore he witnessed at the scene of the explosion was not only untrue but a physical impossibility as well.

### IGNORE EVIDENCE

"It is not a matter of evidence that is holding Mooney and Billings in prison. The Capitalist Dictatorship holds us there because they fear the effect of our release on the working class. As a leading member of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce told Duncan Aikman of the Baltimore Sun, in reply to the question, 'Then if Mooney is to your satisfaction proved innocent of the Preparedness Day murder, you believe in finding a way of keeping him in jail permanently?' 'We've got a way,' he answered earnestly, 'He's there.'"

"The comment made by Edward A. Cunha, Assistant District Attorney, who was caught red-handed in the perjury plot to hang me, is also symbolic of the attitude involved in Governor Rolph's decision. Cunha cynically remarked: 'If I knew that every single witness that testified against Mooney had perjured himself in his testimony I wouldn't lift a finger to get him a new trial,' and further he said, 'If the thing were done that ought to be done, the whole dirty, low-down bunch would be taken out and strung up without ceremony.'"

"This decision proves the utter impossibility of any militant worker ever securing justice at the hands of capitalist-controlled courts, governors and other politicians."

"To think they needed twenty-five or thirty thousand words to 'arrive' at a decision! JUSTICE DEMANDED ONLY THREE WORDS—MOONEY IS INNOCENT."

### CLASS DECISION

"Capitalist class hatred and prejudice demands the life of Tom Mooney, a militant worker of the working class. The issue is so clear-cut that a blind man can see through it. It is a class decision, with a class motive, and along these lines it shall be fought out in the future."

"The Capitalist class will, no doubt, celebrate this decision as a great 'victory' for them. A few more such victories and the Capitalist system will be ready for the junk-heap, where it historically belongs."

"Does this decision settle the Mooney case? Not by a long shot! The fight for my freedom must and will go on. I have grown old in prison before my time, but my head is erect, my back unbent, my spirit untamed. They have forced me to the wall. Fight I must and fight I will! I am ready and willing today, as always, to give my life to the cause of the toilers of the world, regardless of race, creed, color or nationality."

"It is not Tom Mooney, the individual, that they hate—it is what Tom Mooney, the militant worker, symbolizes that they (the ruling class) despise and want to crush beneath the Iron Heel of the Capitalist Juggernaut."

"This decision in the face of world-wide protest against my brutal frame-up is an insolent and sinister challenge hurled by a doomed Capitalist system into the teeth of the entire working class."

### CALLS FOR MILITANCY

"I call upon the entire militant and revolutionary working class of the entire world to accept this challenge. They must close ranks and raise louder than ever the demand that the Plunderbund of California let go their victim. They must fight not only for my freedom, but for the abolition of the Capitalist system. It is the only thing that will prevent, in the future, the framing-up of workers for loyalty to their class."

"They must also demand that the framed-up Scottsboro boys do not die, and defend the Harlan miners and all political prisoners. With millions of aroused and determined workers and sympathizers rallying to my defense we will yet smash this frame-up and the whole vicious frame-up system."

## ITALIAN JOBLESS WIN OVER TROOPS IN HUNGER FIGHT

Two Infantry Companies Balk at Order to Attack Unemployed

ROME, Italy, April 20.—In Sardinia the struggle of the starving workers and peasants for bread, and relief from heavy land tax debts, which flared up into two days of open fighting with police, continues with growing strength in organization. In Sassari unemployed demonstrated for "Bread or Work!" and the efforts of the po-unavailing. In several other towns lice to break up the parade were on the island the unemployed are joining with the peasants. Learning quickly in their struggles, the disposition to fight is being concretized into organizations and improved tactics.

In Brianza (Northern Italy) demonstrations "Against Fascist Hunger!" resulted in fighting recently in the towns of Desio, Seregno, Guisano, Carate, Brianza, and Meda, in which towns where textile factories have shut down. Two companies of the Eighth Regiment infantry refused to fight these workers, recalling the action of Fascist organizations near Brianza who a month ago refused to obey similar orders.

## Chinese Seamen on German Ship Stop Shipment of Arms

HAMBURG, (By Mail).—The crew of the "Koblenz" consisting mainly of Chinese seamen, went on strike refusing to load armored cars, barbed wire and other war materials for the Far East. About 75 dock workers joined the walkout in sympathy.

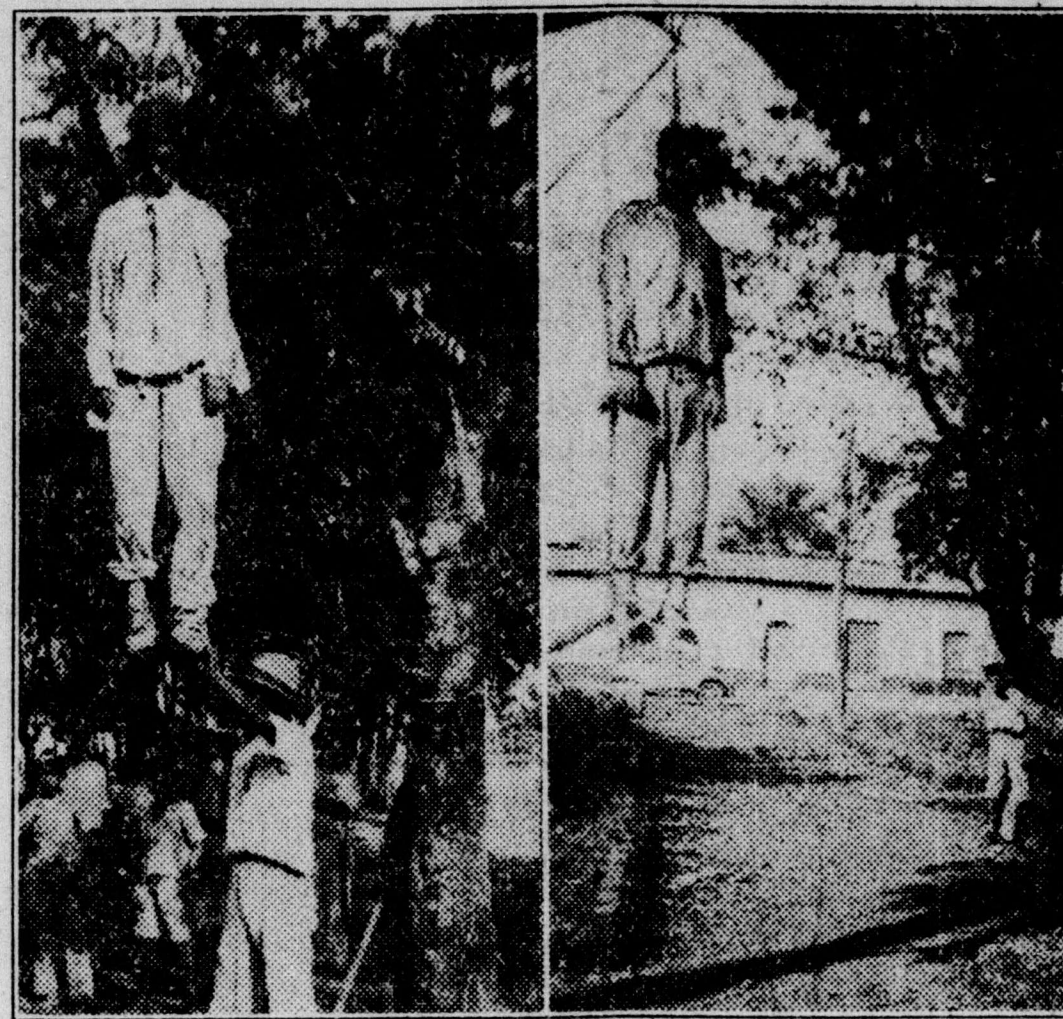
True to the strike-breaking traditions of his party, the social-democratic police chief Schoenfelder, ordered his men to the scene and cut the ship from all communication with the shore. This was answered by a spontaneous anti-war demonstration of the harbor workers in the docks.

The shipowners have thus far failed to break the strike.

### VETERAN KILLS SELF

HANFORD, Calif.—Bert E. Poole, a 21-year-old world war veteran of Lindsay, committed suicide rather than see his wife and three children starve to death.

## White Terror in San Salvador



Ensenio Havez, Communist Party candidate for Mayor of Yzalco, left, and his son, Leopoldo, right, hanged by police in a vain attempt to stop the movement of workers and peasants in San Salvador.

## Rumania, with French Aid, In New Anti-Soviet Plot

Workers, Peasants and Students Stage Huge Anti-War Demonstrations

BUCHAREST, Rumania, April 20.—The rapidly sharpening conflict between the Rumanian agents of French imperialism attempting to incite the Rumanian people to attack the Soviet Union and the Communist-led anti-war forces within the country is culminating in nationwide demonstrations.

An uprising of workers against the new war-draft measures that would further prepare the invasion of the Soviet Union was joined by thousands of students from the schools and colleges and spread throughout the industrial cities. Barricades were erected in the streets, and all windows of the Senate house in Bucharest were smashed.

### HUGE STANDING ARMY

Rumania maintains a standing army of 300,000 men. Two-fifths of the regular budget is swallowed up by the army. The new draft law would increase the army three-fold.

Military preparations have proceeded at a feverish pace for the last 12 months. New strategic railway lines have been built in Bessarabia. Three-quarters of the budget for road building has been diverted

to the military budget. Bessarabia has been converted into a garrison with a modern military air force.

### WAR INCITEMENTS

The Rumanian bourgeoisie are making frantic efforts to prepare the working masses and suppressed nationalities for the war. To beguile the bankrupt peasants, all agrarian debts have been converted into 30-year notes at 4% interest.

A campaign for war incitement is being carried out in the press, radio and special leaflets and placards. Every day the papers carry tales about "mass murders of Moldavian fugitives on the other side of the Dniester," allegedly committed by Russian frontier guards.

In spite of all these provocative incitements to war there has been but little response among the destitute Rumanian masses whose sympathies are on the side of the Soviet Union.

In the Soviet Union There is No Unemployment — in the United States 12,000,000 Jobless!

We Demand the Abolition of All Discrimination in the Distribution of Relief!

## TO SURPASS 1931 MEETINGS IN SIZE AND MILITANCY

Will Reflect Depth of Economic Crisis as Well as Hopes in U. S. S. R.

In every country of the world May Day demonstrations this year are expected to be greater in number and more militant than ever before.

Plans are now in full swing for tremendous working class demonstrations in scores of industrial centers as a fiery demonstration of proletarian solidarity and for defense of the Soviet Union.

### REACH HIGH LEVEL

Last year, according to the Communist International, the demonstrations "reached a higher level than that of the previous year, both from the point of view of numbers, of revolutionary content, and of organized leadership of the movement by the Communist Parties."

May 1st this year will reflect the depth of the economic crisis, embracing without exception all capitalist, colonial and semi-colonial countries. At the same time it will reflect the tremendous growth of Socialist construction in the U. S. S. R., showing to the world workers and farmers their only way out of the crisis.

### GERMANY LEADS

Outside of the Soviet Union, the most gigantic demonstrations are anticipated in Germany, particularly in Berlin, Hamburg, the Rhur and other industrial centers.

Unusually militant, too, were the demonstrations in France, despite the fact that the police took emergency measures to prevent them, especially in Paris. In that city, despite the terror, 90% of the metal workers struck; in Lyons, all the metal industries stood still, and in Havre, 50% of the metal workers and 100% of the dockers ceased work.

Tens of thousands of workers were brought out on the streets of Austria, and in the Vienna demonstration a large group of women social-democrats and a group of revolutionary members of the socialist youth participated.

In the Soviet Union, needless to say, the May Day demonstrations were the finest. In Moscow, 1,900,000 demonstrated, and in Leningrad, 1,300,000 with huge demonstrations in hundreds of towns and villages.

## FOREIGN NEWS

### ● BRIEFS ●

## More Generals for French Imperial Army

PARIS, April 19.—The weekly, "La Lumiere" reveals that additional generals have been added to the French imperialist army. There are now 28 more than in 1913, just prior to the World War.

## Cuban "Political" in Hunger Strike

HAVANA, Cuba, April 20.—One hundred and thirty-two prisoners held by the Machado regime, Wall Street puppet, refused to eat until demands that all be confined in same cell block were met.

## "Quite Well," Stalin Tells Enemies

MOSCOW, April 18.—Replying to false rumors that he is ill, Joseph Stalin, Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union told the Associated Press: "Obviously there are people interested in seeing me seriously ill, but I regret I have no date capable of delighting these gentlemen; I am quite well."

## Hungary Fascists Bar Worker Photos

SZOLNOK, Hungary, April 18.—Ludwig Kassak was arrested for incitement to photography. Kassak had made a speech urging workers to snap pictures of demonstrations, police brutality, etc. The fascist regime, which is busy preparing for war on the Soviet Union, decided that Kassak's advice was a "menace to public order."

## Alaska Fishing Fleets at Standstill

KETCHIKAN, Alaska.—In spite of curtailed fishing in 1931 that forced thousands of fishermen to beg for charity last winter, the present fishing season finds 75% of the Halibut fleet tied up as a result of low price market conditions; prices being down to 4c and 2c a pound. Practically the entire Alaska fleet is reported to be tied up.

## Japanese Mills in Shanghai Closed

SHANGHAI, April 17.—All efforts of Japanese cotton mills to reopen this week have proved futile. Of 4,600 workers only 400 showed up. The mills are being picketed.

## Czech Trade One-Hundredth of Normal

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, April 20.—Due to tariff wars between Czechoslovakia and Hungary, trade has fallen off to one-hundredth of normal.

## Australian Bosses Profit by War

SIDNEY, Australia, April 19.—Due to the wage-slashing campaign which has reduced the living standards of the Australian workers to the starvation level, the bosses have succeeded in making a big spurt of profits on the Sino-Japanese conflict. The Chinese boycott of Japanese goods resulted in a flood of Chinese buying in Australia, and heavy war purchases of wheat and wool by Japan has benefited the capitalists.

## England Struggling to Hold Colonies

LONDON, April 20.—In a desperate move to hold her colonies at the expense of losing trade with U. S. S. R. and U. S. A., Great Britain has cut sharply her imports of wheat from these countries so as to favor Canada, Australia and Argentina.

## 50,000 at Burial of Soviet Historian

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., April 20.—More than 50,000 workers crowded the Red Square at the burial of M. Pokrovsky, leading Soviet historian, who died suddenly.

## Nicaraguan Soldiers Kill U. S. Officer

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, April 17.—A garrison of Nicaraguan soldiers guarding American financial interests at Kislaya mutinied and killed their commander, Charles J. Levonski, U. S. Marine Corps. They then joined insurgents fighting Wall Street imperialism.

## Japanese Censor Mail in Manchuria

HARBIN, Manchuria, April 16.—The Japanese government has placed censors in all Chinese post offices in Manchuria to inspect foreign mails.

## 10% Cut for Canadian Telegraphers

MONTREAL, April 15.—Wages of 2,000 commercial telegraphers and associated employees of the Canadian National Railways will be slashed 10%, beginning May 1.

## Industrialization in Siberia

KHARBAROVSK, Siberia, April 20.—The second five-year plan will include a vast reorganization of Soviet Agriculture and Industry in the Far East, including construction of metallurgical works, a shipyard, new railroads, and great grain farms. In Vladivostok 1020 shops will be opened.

## Dneiprostroi Dam Ready May 1

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., April 20.—Completed six months ahead of schedule, the giant Dneiprostroi Dam will be set in operation by the Water Power Trust of the Soviet Union with great ceremony on May 1, it is announced. The Dneiper River, which will turn the turbines, has risen 150 feet at the dam.

## Raid Hungarian "Pioneer" Meeting

BUDAPEST, April 18.—Police raided a children's story hour today, rounding up an audience of youngsters, from 10 to 12 years old, who were listening to stories and viewing pictures of workers' life.

# INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND THE WESTERN WORKERS

War preparations continue to dominate the scene of international capitalist activity.

The disarmament conference has reached its inevitable stage. Every capitalist country is trying to reduce those armaments in which its chief competitor is strong. In each country, the leading newspapers publish stirring and heroic accounts of how their particular capitalist representative is making "practical" proposals for "partial disarmament." Every capitalist country uses the opposition of its competitor to the reduction of armaments in the particular branch which they propose as a sign that they are the only one trying to disarm. The farce is getting so monotonous that it is not even interesting any longer except in so far as it represents a danger to the whole of humanity.

Only Comrade Litvinoff, the delegate of the Soviet Union, has made the proposal for complete and unconditional disarmament.

The "Disarmament Conference" is in reality a grim and bitter war among various groups juggling for allies in preparations for the coming world imperialist war.

### WAR PREPARATIONS

While their representatives in Geneva are making voluminous speeches, the home governments in the imperialist countries are in feverish war preparations. Those include not only actual armament increases but also ideological preparations.

The attitude of the people in the United States is very hostile to Japan. This hostility does not all have the same source. For example, reactionaries whose hostility arises

## Guns Drown "Disarmament" Talk—Who is Ikuo Oyama?—Why the Fleet Remains on the Coast—W. J. Burns Epitaph to a Scoundrel—On Leaving for the Soviet Union.

out of their desire to exceed Japan at the game of imperialist aggression and exploitation which she is carrying through in China and Manchuria, are no better than the Japanese imperialists themselves.

Knowing that among the American masses there is strong opposition to U. S. intervention in the Orient, the Emperor sends his labor or lieutenants (of the same stripe as our own labor fakery) to utilize this sentiment. For this purpose Ikuo Oyama, who describes himself as a "proletarian leader" arrived in San Francisco last week.

Who is Oyama?

A faker full of the same "left" phrases as Muste or his new-found allies the Lovestaneites. He is opposed to the Communist Party of Japan because "while its aims are good its policies are wrong." He publishes a paper in Japan with the slogan "Workers of World Unite!" and in an interview given in San Francisco, defends Japanese imperialist enterprise and champions its "future." Jack Densham in the San Francisco "Chronicle" printed the interview; the following are some excerpts:

"There is a large element in Japan that desires a democracy, but I do not think we are quite ready for it."

"In one thing I believe we Japanese are right. Our big shipping firms have scrapped their old ships, and we have only

fast, up-to-date freighters and liners."

"I really believe my country is wrong in the Manchurian situation. I think the area for our spreading should be taken peacefully. But I do think that the smaller countries like Japan, England and Norway should carry the world's goods."

This is the "left" social-fascist speaking. Out of sight of workers in his own country whom he is trying to mislead, he even uses the phraseology of his imperialist masters.

We can have only one reply to this scoundrel—Drive Him Out of the United States! The American workers have enough imperialist wolves dressed in social-fascist sheep's clothing to put up with, without having to tolerate them from other countries.

He is to hold meeting throughout the West. Militant workers everywhere should inform this agent of the Emperor that we stand with the Communist Party of Japan in its heroic and difficult struggle against imperialist aggression for partitioning China.

Well, anyway, it's for economy. That's what the Navy Department gives as its reason for keeping the entire Atlantic fleet in western waters. Japan is strengthening her forces in China. The British-con-

trolled League of Nations has a commission in the Shanghai area and it is reported they will also go to Manchuria to "investigate" and "settle the controversy." Old timers will remember how Roosevelt similarly settled the controversy between Russia and Japan in 1905, actually giving the victory to Wall Street. The British are trying similarly to settle the situation in China today. The French are reported to be strengthening their fleet in the Yantze, altho that is hardly necessary, since they are working in such close alliance with the Japanese.

Of course, it isn't for all these reasons that the Hoover Administration is keeping the fleet in Pacific waters. Oh! No! If they would admit that, they would be admitting the truth that they want to have the fleet nearest the zone which will undoubtedly be the scene in the very near future of a new imperialist war.

For the workers of the West, however, this also has a positive side in that it gives us an opportunity to meet and talk with the 60,000 sailors who are manning the boats. This opportunity must not be missed. Every militant worker must constitute himself and herself a committee of one or more to meet the navy men, make their acquaintance, explain our platform and slogans and win them to solidarity with the struggles of the masses of toilers against imperial-

ism oppression at home and aggression in foreign countries.

For once, we sincerely hope that there were such a thing as "hell." Because if there would be such a hereafter, Wm. J. Burns would occupy a warm spot there. He has caused more human misery than almost any man alive and was justly hated for it. The capitalist press has bally-hoed him as a great detective. Nothing could be further from the truth.

He was an enemy of the people, especially an enemy of the oppressed masses.

Workers on the whole American continent know of him and hate him. His activities against the people extended to Costa Rica, Canada and Mexico. He supplied thousands of armed thugs as strike-breakers. He tortured scores of people whom his agents arrested in connection with the Wall Street bombing in an effort to frame a militant worker and hide the guilt of the Dupont Powder Works whose truck carrying explosives was responsible for the disaster. It was Burns who, in order to cover up the corrupt Harding Administration and particularly the complicity of Daugherty, and Fall and Sinclair in the thievery in connection with Teapot Dome, began national raids upon militant workers organizations, arrested, imprisoned, beat up and otherwise persecuted thousands of workers.

He was one of the crookedest men who ever lived, even for capitalist politicians, and in connection with the Teapot Dome affair his activities in jury bribing went so far he was convicted. However, the boss class owed Burns a debt for his service rendered to them and he was exempted from serving time. Even the boss press admits that Burns went to his death with information that could have sent scores of capitalist politicians and business men to prison.

His activities on the West Coast, especially in connection with the Mc Namara case and his attempt to find "the hand of Soviet Russia" by third - degreeing workers in strike activities earned him undying hatred.

Burns is dead. He won't be remembered long. But even that short memory will picture a snarled, venomous scavenger.

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The Associated Press reports that the Soviet Union has decided to admit no more workers looking for jobs were arranged for in advance through Amtorg. All those who are not given jobs by Amtorg must buy round-trip tickets and will be given visas only permitting them a short stay.

This, it seems to us, is a very wise decision. It should put a stop to the tendency of considerable numbers of workers to flock to the USSR, irrespective of their ability to really contribute there. The Soviet Union was forced to make this decision largely because of the housing crisis. But it will also put a plan into a condition where a chaos ruled before.



## GIRLS IN L. A. SHOP GET 15.5 CENTS AN HOUR

Reynolds Pays Half  
of State Minimum

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—In the Reynolds Shop (wash dresses are made here), there are about 60 girls working of all ages—from 17 or 18 to 50 and even over. About 20% of the girls are Young Workers. We work 45 hours a week, (if we are lucky enough to make a full week). The wages in return for this is \$6, \$7, or \$8 a week. Sometimes if we are lucky we can make \$10 and \$12 a week.

In the State of California there is a law that says women workers get \$16 a week. But many thousands of young and adult girls are getting miserable wages, like ours, working long hours under a piece-work system that speeds us up to an inhuman degree.

### ORGANIZATION WILL STOP PIECE-WORK

We must organize with the men workers into the National Textile Workers Industrial Union and fight against piece-work and speedup, against low wages and wage reduction.

We workers in our shop are going to organize a shop committee to better our conditions—how about you workers doing the same!

—A Worker.

(NOTE: Shop committees — a group of workers who are organized to better their conditions in a shop through grievance committee, going to the boss to demand higher wages and fight against speed up.)

## 'FRISCO BED FIRM TRIES 3RD PAY CUT

12-Hour Week Now at 'Rome'  
Mfg. Co.; Worker Calls  
For Action

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — The Rome Company, bed manufacturers, at 5700 Third St., San Francisco, is proving that there is no limit at which the bosses will stop cutting wages if the workers do not resist.

In August 1929 we worked five days a week. In March, 1930, we were cut to four days and given a wage slash. In January, 1931, we were "allowed" to work three days a week. The workers made no effort to stop this boss attack in an organized manner. Those who kicked as individuals were promptly fired.

In June, 1931, we started the two-day week.

Most of the 125 workers have families. The wages are \$3.75 to \$4.25 a day. Out of this was taken \$1 by the bosses to give to the Community Chest. Nobody dared to kick!

Today we have taken our third wage cut and only work one and a half day a week except in the hammock and steel department. Further, the day and a half is staggered so we work four hours on Monday, four hours on Wednesday and four hours on Friday. This prevents us from working on the charity jobs and costs us 30c carfare for one and a half day's pay.

—A Worker.

## Astoria Press Goes Nuts On Depression

ASTORIA, Ore. — Some of the articles about the depression in the local press are so childish that I am sure that even the editors don't believe in them.

For instance, one said, "Plan to Build Broom Factory to Sweep Depression Out of Astoria." One worker was hired.

Another story complains about the sunshine because it does not drive out the depression with this head-line: "Needy Here Despite Spring Sunshine."

However, these stupid articles that are good for a laugh do not stop us from organizing into the Communist Party. A mass meeting held in Young's Bay Hall was over-flowed with workers. The hall is getting smaller and smaller every time we have a meeting. It holds three hundred. Fred Walker of Portland, spoke on the coming imperialist war.

—A Young Worker.

The emancipation of the working class must be accomplished by the workers themselves. Join the Communist Party.

# WORKERS CORRESPONDENCE

## Colorado Beet Workers Prepare Struggle Against Pay Cut

### BRIEFS...

#### Onion Hoers Get 30c

BAKERSFIELD, Calif.—We get 50c a row hoeing onions. The rows are a quarter of a mile long. Workers average 30c to 50c a day. Write to the Agricultural Workers Industrial League, 327 Nile Street, Bakersfield to start organizing against these conditions.

#### Journal Has Red Fit

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Oregon Journal inspired by the two police "sleuths," Bacon and O'Dale, rose to the defense of Portland with the headline "Police Lay Attempt To Red Agents." The plot uncovered consisted of a small boy telling his father, Rev. W. H. Pope, pastor of Calvary tabernacle, that a "red" ghost had tried to kidnap him!

#### Forced Labor in Ore.

CARVER Ore.—The owner of a grocery store here allows unemployed workers to run bills at his store. He then turns them over to his brother who is a wood boss above Carver. They must either cut wood for this scoundrel at 80c a cord or do without food for their families.

#### Admits 75% Starving

SALT LAKE CITY. — County Commissioner Quinn who got away with the lie that the unemployed were being cared for until the Unemployed Council exposed him was recently forced to admit "75% of the unemployed, if given work now, have not the strength to do a day's work because of the starved condition they are in."

#### Cops Seize Jobless

DENVER, Colo.—With summer coming the streets need cleaning. The city, instead of giving us a few jobs, has sent their bulls out to herd in the jobless in large numbers on vagrancy charges to clean up the streets and parks for no pay. The preachers and stool pigeons are working in harmony with the police by pointing out the worker hunting for a job.

#### Council Asks Control

SALT LAKE CITY. — Several hundred workers of the Unemployed Council appeared before the County Commissioners to demand that the Salvation Army Lodging House and all funds now being paid to the Salvation Army be turned over to the Unemployed Council for a Community Lodging House for single men and women of Salt Lake, and also for migratory workers.

#### Fight For Garbage

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — While the city government, Sunny Jim and Soup Hoover, pass the buck back and forth over who is to feed the unemployed, hundreds of jobless men, women and children swarm around the 300 Garbage Cans that contain the rotting meat, vegetables and fruit, which is the refuse of the Los Angeles Central Avenue Market.

#### Eatonville Terror

EATONVILLE, Wash. — In this town ruled by the lumber baron, Gilbraith, we slaves must work for \$2.40 a day when there is work, buy at the baron's stores, and submit to his terror of his thugs when we dare to revolt. The foreign born workers who read the Western Worker are hunted out and warned.

(NOTE—For 50c additional to the year's subscription price of \$2 the Western Worker will be mailed in a large envelope by first class mail, so there will be no danger of the reader being exposed in any way. This is advisable in a company-owned town like Eatonville).

#### Teachers' Pay Cut

SALT LAKE CITY.—This being election year the corrupt politicians are afraid to levy taxes to make up deficits, so they are picking on the unorganized school teachers with a \$140,000 wage cut.

### COLORADO VET IS STUNG ON LEGION JOB 'CAMPAIGN'

\$9.72 for Fare is Large Sum  
When Ex-Service Man  
is Hungry

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — I picked up a copy of one of the daily papers stating the American Legion was finding jobs for war veterans. I thought my troubles were all over. I immediately went to the American Legion hut where I filled out a long registration blank. I was told that I would be notified in a week.

#### FAKE JOB SCHEME

I received a card some time later informing to report to the forest rangers office. There I was told that I must have special clothes and extra heavy shoes before I could be hired. The men would leave Colorado Springs for the job April 15. I would have to pay my own fare which would be \$2.70 to Denver and \$7.02 to the job.

The pay on this job which is blazing trails for the forest service will be \$2.25 a day if you stay until the job is finished, and if you are unable or not permitted to work that long you get only \$1.50 a day.

#### CAN'T RAISE MONEY

I don't see how I'll ever raise enough money to pay my fare and buy clothes for this job. If I could it would be wiser to stay here and hunt for a job rather than pay out this money for transportation and then probably get laid off before I am able to earn my expenses.

I wish we had a real Ex-Service men's organization here in Colorado Springs that was working for the war veterans. Most of the ex-service men here are fed up on such fake organizations as the American Legion which belongs to the bosses and the officers.

—Ex-Service Man.

Editorial Note.—The Workers' Ex-Service Men's League which is leading the struggle of ex-soldiers for full immediate payment of the bonus and unemployment insurance paid by the bosses and war profiteers can be reached 1018 - 15th Street, Denver, Colo. You should organize a branch in Colorado Springs at once.

### Stockton Jobless Compel 'Welfare' To House Family

STOCKTON, Calif.—A Stockton worker, Bob Close, who has a wife and two little children, notified the Unemployed Council that he was about to be evicted. A committee was selected to prevent the eviction, but as it was a long way from the city we arrived too late.

The Welfare, fearing exposure by the organized workers in the Unemployed Councils, obtained another house for the unemployed worker's family and paid \$16 house rent. (The first house cost \$8.00 a month).

This shows what can be done by taking part in the activities of the Unemployed Councils and forming block committees that fight against any attempt to reduce the standard of living of the workers.

—One of the Fighters.

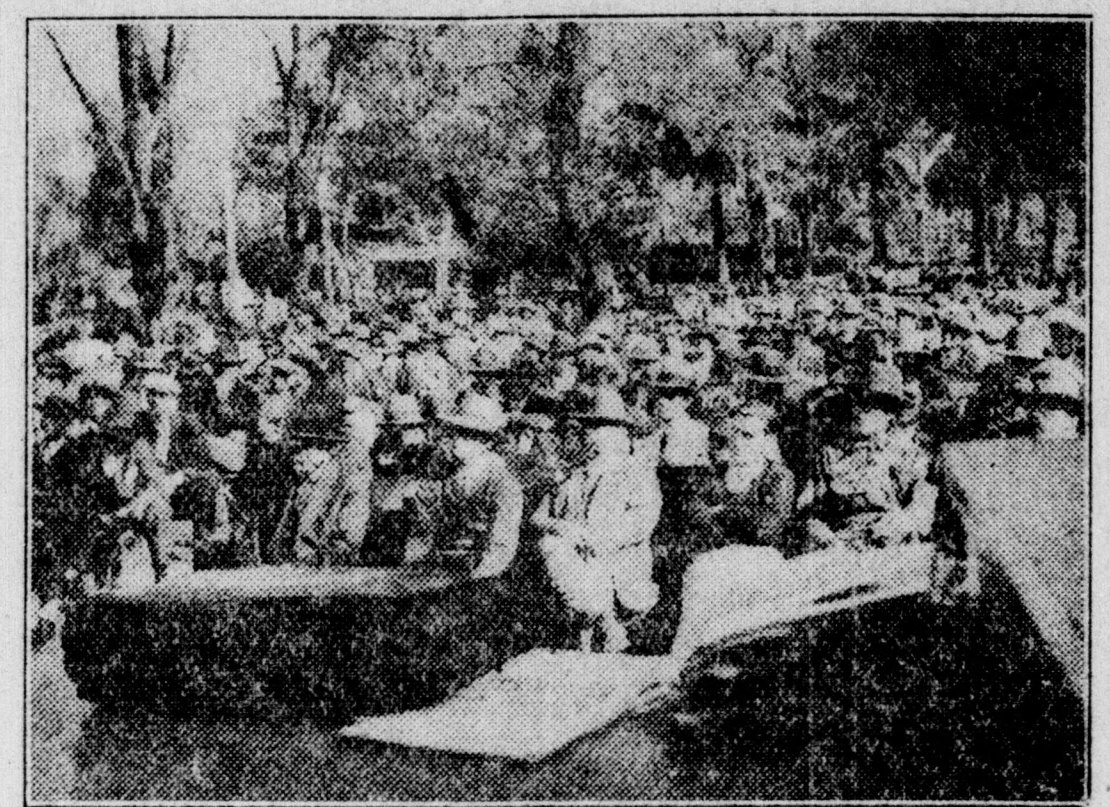
### L. A. Politicians Use Jobless as Football

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—The Colorado River aqueduct was voted here last August for the purpose of giving employment to several thousand unemployed men, but it has since been continually in the courts. The water power department have a dam to be built in Bonquet Canyon which would give employment to several thousand men, but so far this work has been held up and only a few men employed.

According to figures on these jobs they should take up a large part of the unemployed. But the capitalist politicians are too busy playing football with the unemployed.

Down with these boss-class politicians. Vote for the workers candidates Sandler, for Mayor. Circulate petitions to put the Communist Party on the ballot.

### Fresno Workers Call for Defense of USSR



A portion of the 900 workers in Fresno, Calif., at a meeting organized by the Friends of the Soviet Union. They are listening to Violet Orr, of the F. S. U.

### SAN JOSE CHARITIES STOP 'RELIEF' AS CANNERIES OPEN

Bosses and Charities Work Together To  
Force Thru Lowest Wage

SAN JOSE, Calif.—That there is a clean-cut tie up between the "Charities" and the cannery bosses who are working together to create a slave labor market is proven by the fact that all charity relief was cut off almost the very day the canneries opened up.

#### WAGES LOWER

Del Monte No. 3 and 4, pay 25 cents an hour; Biscaglia Bros. pay 20 cent, Richmond Chase as low as 17 1/2 cents with further cuts imminent when the cherries start.

The hours put in by the workers have also been drastically reduced. Del Monte No. 3 and 4 ran two weeks working every other day 5 or 6 hours, some workers making as low as \$3 a week. Richmond Chase ran 3 part days, only to shut down for about 2 months. Biscaglia Bros. is running part time for a few days.

#### MUST STRIKE

The workers know that they must strike as they have nothing before them but starvation, gas, light, water shut off, and even eviction from their homes this summer, the only time there is any work in this valley.

We must answer our bosses by organization to win a living wage in the canneries and to demand and fight for Unemployment Insurance so the grafting charities cannot sell us like slaves to the rich cannery bosses. The Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial League, at 81 Post Street, alone can prevent the bosses from starving us to death. Organize!

—Cannery Worker.

### T. B. Rule Adds \$30 To Cow Cost; Only Hits Poor Dairyman

MODESTO, Cal.—State forces in charge of T. B. eradication in Los Angeles County have placed a 60-day quarantine on dairy cows arriving from outside the county. The cows must be "boarded" in sales lots or stock yards.

It costs a minimum of 50c a day to keep a dairy cow in a sales yard. This adds \$30 to the price of a dairy cow sold to the small dairy man.

The big dairyman, buying in carload lots, can bring in all the cows he wants, and place them in quarantine on his own ranch.

In other words this new restriction applies only to small lots of cattle, and bears evidence to the fact that the T. B. enforcement on dairy cattle will be used to snuff out the small dairyman, and give every possible advantage to the big dairyman.

—A Farmer.

### Begs for Jail After 2 Weeks on Charity

JACKSON, Mich., April 21. — After being paroled from the State Prison for two weeks, during which time he tried to find a job and was forced to eat at the charity soup that is the regular diet for millions of unemployed throughout the U. S., Albert N. Beneman begged to return to his cell. He told officials that he hopes he will be "allowed" to serve his full term which is fifteen years maximum.

### MUST FEED 2 ON STARVATION PAY

Stockton Woman Earns \$1.72  
in Week Packing  
Spinach

STOCKTON, Calif.—In the Del Monte Cannery, we are forced to buy and wear uniforms to prepare spinach for canning. We work from the time the bosses open the doors at 8:30 until as late as 10 p. m.

The wages vary according to the "run" and quality of the supply. Here and there a girl will make \$10 a week; one girl even boasted she made \$12.50 two weeks ago, but the rest of us get less. I made \$1.72 for a week's hard work. One worker was told to "get going" last week because she complained that certain favored girls get the best boxes, and the rest get what is left, mostly poor run stuff.

#### MEN EARN 25c AN HOUR

This morning there were 192 women workers and 17 men. We must stand around and wait until they want us (when there is no work in) and we get no pay for this time. The men get 25c an hour during the time the trucks are in only.

We must submit to these slave conditions. Workers can show their will to fight back by joining the Cannery Workers Industrial League. Write P. O. Box 834, Stockton, Calif.

Mother of 2 Children.

### Astoria 'Charities' Gives Turkey Bones For Long Day's Toil

ASTORIA, Ore.—I am what the charities call a "family man," so I get groceries by slaving for it. They gave me a can full of turkey bones to take home to my family in exchange for a full day's work. Some "Big Shots" had had a turkey dinner in Hotel Astoria that day and the garbage left over was brought to the "charity."

Those bones were so well nibbled that there was not enough left to interest a healthy dog. Our teeth are not strong enough to eat bones.

The quicker we get organized, the quicker we can demand better conditions and relief.

### 60,000 Mississippi Families Lose Homes Seized to Pay Taxes

JACKSON, Miss., April 24.—Taxes unpaid, 60,000 Mississippi homes and 7,000,000 acres of land were seized for sale yesterday. This comprises approximately one-fourth of the privately-owned land in the state.

Nearly 40,000 farms went on the auction block yesterday and homes of 20,000 more families in cities and towns were being offered for delinquent taxes.

### BOSSSES OF "GREAT WESTERN SUGAR" PLAN MASS STARVATION FOR WINTER OF 1932 FAR WORSE THAN IN 1931

Children Are Forced to Leave School At  
Age of 8 to Help Parents

DENVER, Colo.—In order to stop the new \$3-\$4 slash in wages which the Great Western Sugar bosses are trying to force onto the thousands of beet workers of Colorado, the workers are preparing to struggle.

The price per acre which the Great Western sets is followed by all the small bosses throughout the state. In 1930, \$23 per acre was paid. In 1931 this was cut to \$18-\$19.

#### WORKERS ON BREADLINES

This last price was too low to keep the beet workers off the breadlines this winter. There has been starvation and misery due to the inadequate charity relief made necessary by the low wages paid in 1931.

#### NEW CUT OF \$3 - \$4

The new proposed cut of \$3-\$4 per acre means fight. The memory of the terrible winter of 1931-1932 is too fresh in the minds of the workers to allow them to accept the new cut.

This year the workers of all nationalities and ages are being organized by the Young Communist League and the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union to fight against the starvation that the bosses of Great Western Sugar Company are planning for them.

#### Y.C.L. TO ORGANIZE

A young worker states: "We have no time for education. We are taken to the beet field from the age of 8 to help our parents. This year we are organizing to fight for better wages. If we don't get better wages we are going on a strike. We members of the Y. C. L. are ready to help the United Front Against Starvation to carry on the struggle."

The bosses apparently think that the workers are so weak from the winter of misery that they will not dare to fight back. We workers of Colorado must answer this lie or perish.

To be successful the strike must be state-wide. Committees of Action must be formed on every farm. Workers should communicate with the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union at 1643 Lawrence Street, Room 54, Denver Colorado.

—Beet Worker.

#### SUICIDES RISE IN CAL.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 20.—Unemployment was the chief reason for the 1598 suicides in California during the last year.

This is the admission contained in a report recently made public by the State Department of Public Health, showing an increase in suicides over the previous year.

## Our Shop Papers

We take the following from the

"D & R. G. RAILROAD WORKER" (April)

Issued by Communist Party in D. R. G. Shops, Denver Colo.

"The 'poor' D. & R. G. got some of the money handed out by Hoover, who is looking out for the railroads but not for the workers. Will they now put some of the workers who have been working four days or less, on a full time basis? Or will they put workers on piecepitting in the round house with a lower rate instead of paying them the regular rate? Leave it to them to use this money for their own interest."

"Will they also tell the workers that if they do not speed up there are plenty of workers on the outside who are waiting to take their jobs? Leave it to them to dock you a half hour for being a few minutes late. The 'poor' D. & R. G. needs this extra small change. Perhaps they are saving up to buy a new bugle or drum for the Company Band? They need some new bugles to blow hard these days about 'returning property'."

This same issue of the "D. & R. G. Railroad Worker" also contains articles some of which are closely linked with the shop conditions calling on the workers to "Demonstrate Against War," shows why we must fight for "Unemployment Insurance." There is a story about "Colorado Sending a Delegate to the Soviet Union" for May 1st. It calls upon the workers to "Vote Communist;" exposes "Lynch Justice," etc.

Colorado railroad workers are asked to send in shop news and write or a copy of the "D. & R. G. Railroad Worker," Room 313, 1643 Lawrence Street, Denver, Colorado. (1c a copy).

#### ALL SHOP WORKERS SHOULD WRITE

Our shop papers in the main are written by shop workers. Articles and letters are sent in not only by members of the Communist Party Shop Nucleus, all shop workers are urged to write up happenings in their shops or departments, their grievances and opinions and send them in. Especially workers of the Southern Pacific Railroad (shops, yards, etc.), C. & H. Sugar Refinery (Crockett), Columbia Steel Plant (Pittsburg), D. & R. G. Railroad (Denver), should write for the shop papers in their respective plant. Letters from workers in other shops will of course be welcome.

Mail sent to "Our Shop Papers," care of the Western Worker, 1164 Market Street, San Francisco, Calif. will be forwarded to the proper shop paper editor. Write as You Work and Fight!

## GRAFTING SHIP UNION PROFITS ON DISMISSALS

'Inefficiency,' Fake  
Charge Made

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—The Steward's Department of the "Sier-ra," "Sonoma" and "Ventura" and the Commissary Department of the Matson Line is suffering from an epidemic of "inefficiency" charges. As a result 10 to 14 members of the crew are fired on each trip.

Members of the crew deny the inefficiency charges and say the companies are guilty of over working the men, painting the ship while at sea, long hours and insufficient shore leave.

#### \$5 INITIATION FEE

The real cause of the "inefficiency epidemic" is to be found in the presence of the company union. When signing on the crew is forced to pay \$5 initiation fee to the union. If the old crew were allowed to sign on instead of being fired on the fake charge of "inefficiency," they would only have to pay \$1 dues.

This means that for every new member of the crew replacing the "inefficient" one, the company union makes \$4 extra. This works out at \$40 to \$56 per ship for the benefit of the I. S. U.

—A Seaman.

### Fight Deportation to Fascist Poland of L. A. Militant

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—The International Labor Defense is fighting the order to deport Louis Klein to fascist Poland. Klein is now out on bond.

Leo Gallagher, I. L. D. attorney, pointed out in his appeal to the decision that Klein, who was born in Czarist Russia, is not a citizen of Poland, and therefore, cannot be deported. Neither can he be deported to the Soviet Union because of non-recognition by the United States.

Klein was arrested last November without a warrant by the "Red Squad" in a raid on the office of the "Morning Freiheit." Jewish Communist Daily.

## WORKERS HEALTH

By S. E. KELLY, M. D.

### Lead Poisoning

Among the occupational diseases, common is lead poisoning. It happens to those workers who are forced to use materials which contain lead in some form (printers, painters, plumbers, grinders, etc.).

Thirty-five years ago this disease was more common than at the present day. The disease occurs not only to persons who work with lead, but to persons who continually eat canned food which are sealed with lead or who cook in utensils white enamel inside, eat bread contaminated with lead filled grindstone, or use imperfectly burnt pottery, etc.

Acute lead poisoning happens very seldom except when a large amount is taken at one time. Cosmetics, hair dyes, and face powder very often cause poisoning.

In general symptoms occur first in the muscles: twitching in the muscles, cramps in the calves of the legs, cramps in the abdomen are the very early signs. A very important sign is a blue line along the margins of the gums at the base of the teeth. Nausea, metallic taste and fetid breath are other common symptoms. With these signs there are always present constipation, coated tongue, and unbearable thirst.

#### PRECAUTIONS

For every worker, who comes in contact with lead it is very important to know how to prevent this serious and painful disease.

(1)—Use separate clothing to work in.

(2)—Before meals always scrub the hands with soap and warm water; rinse mouth and teeth with warm salt water (half of a teaspoonful salt in a glass of water).

(3)—After the days work, if it is at all possible take a bath or wash the whole body with warm water and soap, because absorption occurs through the skin. Rinse the nostrils with warm salt water. Besides these precautions, workers should demand that the employers keep the shop well ventilated and clean from dust. If the boss refuses to do this, the workers should report it to the Health Department, and force action on the matter.



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## WEI, FACING DEPORTATION, WINS RIGHT TO GO TO USSR I.L.D. Defeats Plot to Send Militant Student to Certain Death in China

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The twelve foreign-born workers arrested at the raid in Long Beach January 15th are now being grilled by the Federal Immigration authorities. Spanish-speaking and Chinese workers here in an attempt to deport them as "undesirable aliens," an "undesirable alien" being a foreign-born worker who resists the attempts of the bosses to make him slave long hours for miserable wages, starve him and his family and beat him into submission with police clubs.

## UNEMPLOYED WILL UNMASK AIMS OF STATE COMMISSION AT 'HEARINGS'

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The letter sent by the Unemployed Councils, which is accompanied by a copy of the demands submitted to Gov. Rolph and an outline for an Unemployed Insurance Bill, expresses serious doubts as to the value to the unemployed of these hearings sponsored by the same capitalist government which has been clubbing the workers.

TO WHITEWASH MOVE

The Western Worker urges unemployed workers to attend the hearings, to bring out sharply the suffering which prevails, to expose the hearings as an attempt to whitewash the capitalist state government, at the same time making demands for immediate relief for the hungry.

Hearings still to be held include: San Francisco, April 27 and 28, in Assembly Room, Board of Supervisors, City Hall; Oakland, April 29, Room 211, City Hall; Fresno, May 9 and 10, Police Court Room, City Hall and Sacramento, May 12 and 13, Assembly Chamber, Capitol Building.

The letter addressed by the Unemployed Councils to the Unemployment Commission follows:

Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, Cal. State Unemployment Com. 1095 Market Street, San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

We have received notice of the holding of hearings of your Commission in various cities of California to give the people an opportunity of presenting their views.

We welcome this opportunity. On December 16 we addressed the Governor and set before him the considered views of the Unemployed in this state. We held a convention of the unemployed at which gathering 536 delegates elected by 60,000 California unemployed workers approved the letter sent the Governor. To this convention Governor Rolph replied, stating that he could not do anything more than was being done, and that to take emergency measures would be unnecessary because before these emergency measures could be carried through the critical economic situation would be past and prosperity established.

SUFFERING INCREASES

Three months have passed since that letter was written. Instead of the promised prosperity there is more suffering among the people than has ever yet been recorded even in periods of crisis. Relief agencies have exhausted their funds and are daily cutting the small food allowances that they have hitherto given. Starving workers petitioning for

Send me the Western Worker for six months and one of the pamphlets marked below. Enclosed find \$1.

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[ ] 1. WAR IN CHINA, by Ray Stewart.  
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[ ] 4. PROFITS AND WAGES, by Anna Rochester.

## WORKERS OF WEST CELEBRATE MAY 1 IN MANY CITIES

Keynote is Defense of Soviet Union, Fight for Unemployed Insurance

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"K" Street to Second Street, to "L" Street, and then to the park where a mass meeting will be held. In Stockton a demonstration will be held at 2 o'clock at Main and Hunter Streets.

In San Jose a meeting will be held in the St. James park at 2 o'clock.

In Phoenix, Ariz., a parade will be held, starting at First and Polk streets, winding up at Library Park, 10th Ave. and Pefferson, where a meeting will be held.

In Spokane, Wash., the demonstration will be held at 1 o'clock at Main and Bernard streets.

MAY 1 IN 'FRISCO

Preparations for the San Francisco parade are in the hands of the San Francisco United Front May Day Conference and the Communist Party. May Day in this city will be celebrated by a parade thru the heart of the city beginning at the Embarcadero at 2 p. m. on Sunday, May 1. The parade will wind up Market Street, to the Civic Center, where a meeting will be held.

On the previous evening, Saturday, April 30, at 8 o'clock, a mass meeting and concert is being arranged at the Native Sons Hall, 414 Mason Street, in preparation for the May Day parade. An attractive program is being arranged.

ISSUES IN STRUGGLE

The keynote of the May Day demonstrations will be expressed in the fight against imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union, for the unconditional pardon of Tom Mooney and for the freedom of all political prisoners, for unemployment insurance and for a Workers and Farmers' Government.

## Pass Half-Way Mark in Signature Drive; Urge More Activity

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energetic activity during the short period yet remaining, a number of Sections have decided that a minimum of two hours each day be devoted by all participating in the campaign in a final spurt to reach the required quota.

## CONCENTRATE AT STREET CORNERS

In San Francisco, concentration for a time will be made upon street corners and workers' gathering instead of house-to-house canvassing as previously. Each section, however, is expected to work out the most effective forms of campaigning.

Considerable impetus to the Signature Drive is being given by the meetings arranged by J. C. McKendrick, campaign manager and James Branch, managing editor of the Western Worker, who report growing activity thruout the state.

TOURS AID DRIVE

Attempts on the part of the American Legion and other bosses' tools to interfere with the meetings have been crimped by the militancy of the workers. McKendrick and Branch reports. In Santa Barbara a particularly enthusiastic meeting was addressed by Branch despite a mobilization of police, Legionnaires and similar elements. The meeting was carried out altho police pressure had resulted in the hall originally engaged for the meeting being cancelled at the last moment.

From the office of the Election Campaign Committee, 1164 Market St., San Francisco, word is going out to all Units of the Communist Party, labor, fraternal and sympathetic organizations to redouble their efforts to collect the 23,000 signatures.

SPREAD PLATFORM

Calling attention to the publication, in the current issue of the Western Worker, of the Draft Platform of the Communist Party, workers are urged to organize the widest possible distribution of the issue in order to bring forward the issues of the campaign, the Communist program of struggle, at the same time pointing out the sharp necessity for achieving the signature quota.

"HUNGRY?" GIVE UP LICENSE

Alameda County Charities have dug up a new one. In San Leandro families getting relief have to surrender the license plates of their old cars, if any, lest they ride the necessary miles when looking for work around the countryside.

## Sandler on Ballot; L. A. Election to Be Held on May 3

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workers. How can workers consume more of anything without jobs?

Sandler then attacked the role of the Socialist Party and of Busick, Socialist candidate for mayor, citing Busick's betrayal of unemployed workers of Los Angeles last year when, after asking for a permit for a demonstration of the unemployed, he failed to go through with it for fear of police clubs. Sandler also referred to Busick's betrayal of the interests of the small depositors following the crash of the U. S. National Bank last November.

"The Communist Party took the lead in organizing the small depositors to demand the return of their money," Sandler declared. "Then Busick, for the Socialist Party, called a scab meeting for the purpose of betraying the interests of the depositors. Knowing that the Communist Party would expose his betrayal Busick called for police 'to keep Communists out.'"

PROGRAM—NOT INDIVIDUAL

"I don't ask workers to vote for me as an individual. I ask your vote because I am endorsed by the Communist Party, which throughout the year leads workers in their struggles against unemployment and hunger, wage-cuts, speed-up system and police brutality."

Sandler was applauded by all those present. The only interruption during his talk was when a woman in the audience nudged her neighbor and in a stage whisper remarked: "I told you he was a Communist," then applauded her vigorous approval.

Sandler's platform calls for immediate cash relief to unemployed workers and a system of social insurance; the abolition of city ordinances which interfere with the rights of workers to meet, organize, strike and picket; the dissolution of the "Red Squad," the abolition of vagrancy laws; the repeal of the State Criminal Syndicalist Law; the release of all class-war prisoners; the stopping of wage-cuts; full economic, political and social equality for workers of all colors, races and nationalities; the stopping of evictions of clothing and carfare to workers' children in the public schools; a stand against the spread of war propaganda and for the defense of the Soviet Union, the workers' fatherland.

## Changchow Captured by China Red Army

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both from Tokyo and Manchuria. Most recent of the provocations has been a charge that the Soviet Government was responsible for the dynamiting of a Japanese troop train.

At the same time Japanese troops are advancing against the frontiers of the U. S. S. R. New divisions are being landed daily in Manchuria, in Central and North China, and a gigantic army is being gathered together for the attack on Soviet China and the Soviet Union.

## May Day Greetings

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## GOVERNOR FLEES CAPITOL UNDER ARMED ESCORT

Election Campaign and May Day to Demand Unconditional Release

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nouncement of the Mooney decision, Rolph admitted having received an invitation to meet President Hoover at the White House. It is well known that the Republican and Democratic parties have been playing football with the question of Mooney's release. Walker's visit as well as this invitation is part of their maneuvers in this connection.

As news spread of Rolph's decision, the greatest indignation was manifest in all workers' organizations. The United Front May Day Conference of San Francisco decided to hold its May Day celebration with the slogan of "Free Mooney."

The Communist Party, in support of the decision, declared:

"The fight to free Tom Mooney is not ended. It has reached a stage where more struggle than ever before is necessary. May Day and the Election Drive will see the Mooney issue grow. Militant workers the world over must take up the fight. The boss class aims through the Mooney decision to weaken our fight against starvation and imperialist war. We will continue that fight and make it a thousandfold stronger until Mooney is free."

## Workers Sports

### Join in May Day Parade

Workers Sportsmen of San Francisco will march in Sports-Olympics in Los Angeles and support the International Workers Athletic Meet in Chicago, of which Tom Mooney is honorary chairman. Every Workers Sportsman, who is in favor of these issues is urged to take part in the May Day Demonstration. Come in Sports-Outfit. We meet at 1 o'clock at the Embarcadero. Cars will carry your civilian clothes. The Workers Sport Club will also be on the evening program of the indoor May Day affair, at Native Sons Hall, 414 Mason Street, San Francisco.

May Day Street Run from Embarcadero to Civic Center. Permit applied for. Participants meet at 11 o'clock a. m. at the Embarcadero.

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Youth Sports Hop and Basketball Game, Burke's Gymnasium, 2350 Geary St., S. F., Saturday, April 23, 8 p. m. Peppy music and other entertainment. Adm., 35c.

Students, fellow-workers: If you are interested in joining a baseball team, get information from the Workers Sports Club, 20 Flint St., S. F., every Tuesday, 8 p. m., or get in touch with the Counter-Olympic Committee, 1179 Market St., Rm. 603, San Francisco.

### Big Picnic Program

A lively sports program was put on at the Communist Party picnic at East Shore Park, Richmond, April 17. The Tom Mooney Street Run from 17th and McDonald Sts. to the East Shore Park was won by Toni Marques from the Unemployed Council, North Beach in San Francisco. He covered the 2 1/2 mile distance in 14:21 minutes, showing a splendid endprint, and beating a member of the Italian Sports Club, who was leading all the way through. Seven Workers Sportsmen entered, and four finished. A silver cup was presented to the winner.

The track and field events were entered by 2 Workers Sportsmen from different places, including San Jose, Pittsburgh, Richmond, Berkeley and San Francisco. The winners in the different events were:

75-yard Dash—  
1. Ojala, W. S. Club, Berkeley.  
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## Dea Chong to Go to USSR; I.L.D. Wins Deportation Fight

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. April 23. — Dea Chong, 27-year-old militant Chinese worker held in Angel Island, Cal., for deportation since June, 1931, has won voluntary departure, and will leave for the Soviet Union May 4 as a result of the campaign conducted in his behalf by the International Labor Defense.

Chong, beaten up at a street meeting in San Francisco on April 29, 1930, was seized in his room next day by police and rushed to Angel Island with the intention of deporting him to China without trial the following day. On April 30, when a representative of the I. L. D. appeared to bail Chong out, he was barred by police. Chong, finally located in Angel Island, was released on \$3,000 bond. One year later, he was again taken into custody and this time refused bond by Federal Judge Louderback.

Chong, known to San Francisco workers as active fighter in the revolutionary movement, would have met certain death at the hands of the Kuomintang hangmen who have already beheaded thousands of revolutionary Chinese workers and peasants. Efforts are being made, in the short time between now and May 4, to raise funds for his fare. All contributions should be sent to the International Labor Defense, Room 603, 1179 Market Street, San Francisco.

Before we can attempt to abolish wars we must abolish capitalism—Join the Communist Party.

## WHERE TO GO

### San Francisco

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 8 P. M.—Entertainment, Dance, 1164 Market St., given by Unemployed Councils of S. F. and United Workers on City Charity Jobs.

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## EDITORIAL COLUMN

## DEMONSTRATE MAY DAY!

May Day, 1932.

Look around you, workers!

Look at the West—In the last century it was the pride of the bosses!

When the periodic crises of capitalism in the highly industrialized East brought a demand for more land, it was found in the West. Great farms arose, the fruit and vegetable industry was the marvel of the world. When the expansion of eastern industry brought the demand for oil, copper, lead, zinc, etc., it sent millions of workers west to get them. Huge cities sprang up and farms where deserts were before. When capitalism needed new markets they went to the Orient and Pacific Coast ports became thriving centers of activity.

Horace Greely told all the youth to "Go West," the land of promise.

## The West—Then and Now!

Look at West now! Millions of unemployed. Hunger stalks every city, town and farm. The forest of once great oil gushers in Texas, Oklahoma and Southern California are deathly still. The canneries for fruit, vegetables and fish are working at about 20% capacity at this writing, which is near the high point of the season. Acreage is being systematically cut by the great landowners and the banks. Metal mining is as dead as a door nail. The lumber camps are silent. The shipping corporations are begging for trade with the Soviet Union in order to revive their dying hopes for "prosperity." The Southern Pacific, the Northern Pacific and other western railroads have cut trains, shut down whole sections and in some cases have abandoned regular freight schedules and let their locomotives pull out only when they can get a "load." The West, like all of U. S., and world capitalism, is in severe crisis and decay.

## Bosses Yearn for War

All the capitalists of the West are looking longingly for the spread of the war in the Orient—they hope that that will be a good way out of the crisis for them. A great imperialist war in the Orient will mean increased shipping of munitions across western railroads, via Pacific ports on the Dollar and other western lines. It will mean new profits for the cotton growers, for Hercules Powder and other munitions corporations, for increased demand at profiteer prices for metal, foods, oil and other products. War means a new epidemic of "patriotic hysteria" against "radicals." That's fine for the bosses.

American legionnaires will attack workers' organizations and halls and commit murder in the name of the "red, white and blue;" sheriffs and police will wield clubs and revolvers against the "reds," jails will be full of militants; terrorism and frame-up of workers will be hailed on the front page in 8-column headlines as acts of "red blooded Americans." Wages will be even lower, hours longer, and speed-up greater.

Already now in preparation for such a war these things are being done. All who know the history of the labor movement of the West know that what we say here is said very conservatively. Does not the history of Centralia, Ludlow, Everett, Cripple Creek, the I. W. W. struggles, Mooney and Billings, the Criminal Syndicalist persecutions, and dozens of other cases prove this? Can't we already see the development along this line in the terror used during the past year against the Imperial Valley workers, the San Jose strikers, the Hunger Marchers, the Los Angeles workers?

This is the bosses' way out of the crisis. They will not let capitalism die without a fight. With the most ingenious methods they will try to shift the burden of the crisis onto the backs of the workers and farmers. Should we protest, they use demagoguery, trickery and terror, and if they can bamboozle us into it they will drag us into a new imperialist war.

## The Workers' Way Out

But there is also a workers' way out of the crisis. A revolutionary trail out. That trail charted by Lenin, is now being blazed under the leadership of the Communist Party. Its route is aimed to prevent the bosses from shifting the crisis onto the shoulders of the workers and farmers and eventually to throw the whole burden of capitalism off our backs. To fight and prevent wage cuts; to fight for social insurance at the expense of the bosses; to prevent evictions, foreclosures, confiscations of crops and live stock; to force the immediate release of Tom Mooney, the Imperial Valley and all other political prisoners; to fight against any discrimination against Negroes, Mexican and Filipinos, and for their closer unity; to fight against all imperialist war and for the defense of the workers' fatherland, the Soviet Union; to build the Communist Party to lead the struggle for a workers and farmers government.

On May Day 1932 the capitalist system in the West stands on afield of economic desolation like a scarecrow, with a fierce scavenger parasites flapping about it. And under the lead of the Communist Party the workers and poor farmers are in increasing numbers gathering their forces to, destroy the bankrupt capitalist system and drive out its scavenger protectors, and replace it with a workers and farmers government.

History records the glorious traditions of militant working class struggle in the West. But we look forward not backward. We are called upon to perform tasks which were never undertaken before. We are better armed than ever before. To-day the teachings of Marx and Lenin are more widespread and better understood. With this knowledge, under the leadership of the Party of revolutionary workers, farmers and intellectuals, the Communist Party, we must pour into the streets this May Day and in huge meetings and demonstrations gird for the great struggles ahead of us.

All Out May Day!

## Read the Election Platform!

The publication in this issue of the election platform of the Communist Party should give a tremendous impetus to the collection of the 25,000 signatures necessary to put the Communist Party on the ballot.

Every militant working class organization will find in this election platform a champion of its aims. Always the Communist Party performs its role as the leader, mobilizer and co-ordinator of the struggles of the whole working class in common class war against the bosses. Putting the Communist Party on the ballot serves the interests of the whole mass of toilers and therefore every single toilers organization.

Amongst some opportunist elements there is a tendency to exempt their particular organization from support of the Communist election platform "because," they say of their organization, "our main aim is not political activity." This is the ideology carefully cultivated by the class enemy, the bourgeoisie, which tries to split up the working class and neutralize its strength by cutting off whole sections from political activity. Every working class organization without exception must endorse the Communist ticket on the basis of those specific issues which the organization itself is fighting.

And, having in mind the platform, you must translate conviction into action by enlisting in the ranks of the signature collectors and obtaining as your share a large number of signatures on the Communist Party petitions during these last few weeks of the signature drive.

## On Guard in the West—May Day



## The Status of the Imperial Valley Case

By FRANK SPECTOR

April 14 marked the second anniversary of the historic Imperial Valley case. On that day in 1930 the Valley police and thugs in the employ of the fruit and vegetable trusts raided working class halls and homes and arrested over 100 members of the Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union.

The Union, recently organized in the Valley by the Trade Union Unity League, had been in midst of preparations for a strike in May—the cantaloupe season. Hundreds of Mexican, Filipino, Negro and white workers were already in that union's ranks. The April 14 raids and the brutal boss-terror that followed were aimed to prevent the coming strike, crush the hated union and bury its leaders in jail.

## "CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM"

Eight workers were tried, convicted and sentenced to serve 42 years in San Quentin and Folsom. To obtain their convictions, the bosses used the vilest instrument of frame-up the Criminal Syndicalist Law, especially invented to smash militant workers' organizations.

The Valley bosses made the strongest efforts to bury these workers in prison for the full terms of 42 years. Their friendly, Judge Thompson, requested the State Prison Board to fix as the final sentences the maximum penalty, saying: "The court considers them (the defendants) of no use or benefit whatever but on the contrary, a decided menace and detriment to society and civilization in general; that under these circumstances any prison term less than life for each defendant is quite moderate."

## DEFEAT VALLEY BOSSES

The International Labor Defense aroused the working class against this terror. Powerful demonstrations and numerous mass meetings

## Second Anniversary of Frame-Up; the Fight Against Parole Terms and C. S. Law

were held. Thousands of resolutions flooded the State and prison administrations condemning the C. S. Law and demanding the workers' release. As a result, the Appellate Court was compelled to modify the convictions. Sentences of seven of the workers were reduced to 1 to 14 years and Frank Spector's conviction was reversed. At the trial the paid stool pigeons failed to identify Spector, yet he was sentenced with the rest.

## BOARD FIXES SENTENCES

Continued mass pressure compelled the prison board to fix the sentences at five years, with paroles ranging from three to one years. Orozco, a Mexican worker, was deported to Mexico in November, 1932. Eduardo Herrera, a native of Panama is being deported there this month. Oscar Erickson and Danny Roxas will be released July 18, 1932 and Lawrence Emery, February 18, 1933.

## SKLAR, HORIUCHI VICTIMIZED

Carl Sklar and T. Horiuchi have been victimized from the beginning. They were confined to Folsom, a hell-hole for those convicted of felony more than once.

Horiuchi faces, on July 18, deportation to Fascist Japan, and certain death. In Sklar's case, while the Board well knew the impossibility for his deportation to Soviet Russia, of which he is a citizen, yet they made this a condition of his parole. This is an effort to keep Sklar jailed 18 months longer.

The I. L. D. thru its attorneys had made requests upon the Prison Board to change the parole conditions for these two militants so that they will be free men on July 18th. These legal steps are now being

ing backed by resolutions from workers' organizations, demanding this parole change.

## 50,000 FOR REPEAL OF LAW

The Imperial Valley case from its beginning has been the vehicle through which the masses attacked the vicious Criminal Syndicalism Law. Pointing to the imprisonment of the eight Valley workers, the I. L. D. in California brought clearly to the toilers the danger of these bosses' weapon. 50,000 registered voters signed petitions demanding the repeal of the law. These were presented to the Secretary of State in Sacramento by a large delegation which included Anita Whitney, one of the first victims of this law.

## VICTORY OF MASS PRESSURE

The working class, led by the I. L. D. defeated the bosses' intentions to bury for life the Imperial Valley prisoners, proving in most convincing fashion that only mass pressure will free workers from masters' clutches.

The same holds true in all other defense issues. The eight Scottsboro boys would long ago have been electrocuted were it not for mass pressure organized by the Communist Party and the I. L. D. throughout the world. It is due to mass pressure that the California master class now stands exposed, as the arch-frames in the Mooney and Billings case which have become the symbol of the oppression and exploitation of the toiling masses.

## SMASH C. S. LAW!

The continued task to free Sklar and Horiuchi and to compel earlier release of Emery is part of the fight to smash the Criminal Syndicalism Law. The I. L. D. places

in the very center of the fight against California bosses terror, the smashing of the Criminal Syndicalism Law. The trial of 45 workers in Long Beach and the brilliant victory won there, must spur us on to further fight to do away with this vicious law—a fight that serves notice upon the bosses that the masses will not tolerate the outlawing of the Communist Party and other revolutionary organizations.

## PUT PARTY ON BALLOT

The Communist Party is the only party which places on its program and fights for the demands for the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, the freedom of Mooney and Billings, the Scottsboro boys and all political prisoners. The I. L. D. therefore, calls upon its membership and supporters to aid actively in the campaign to put the Communist Party of California on the ballot. The Communist Party on the ballot will be a tremendous aid in the struggle against the whole system of boss terror and for immediate and full amnesty for all militants in jail.

## RESOLUTIONS TO PRISON BOARD

Every workers' organization must not fail to give further support to the fight for the Imperial Valley prisoners. Copies of resolutions addressed to the Board of Terms and Paroles were mailed to all organizations throughout the state. If none were received, call or write to the International Labor Defense, 1179 Market Street, Room 603, San Francisco and obtain same.

Sends funds to the I. L. D. that are badly needed to fight increasing boss-terror. Buy and circulate the latest pamphlet (5c) "Free The Imperial Valley Prisoners"—a workers' self-defense before the United States Supreme Court.

## WORKERS ORGANIZATION

## RESULTS OF RECRUITING CAMPAIGN COMPETITION, DISTRICTS 12-13

## S. F. Workers Call Free Speech Meet at 3rd, Minna Sts.

A mass meeting in protest against the denial of free speech to workers will be held at Third and Minna streets, San Francisco, Saturday, April 23, at 6 o'clock.

During the past few weeks, police have jailed a number of workers who attempted to speak on this corner. Thru the efforts of the I. L. D. their cases were dismissed.

The police campaign against the meetings at Third and Minna streets is a result of the expose by the Unemployed Council of the methods of the "charities" in dishonoring rotten food, and insanitary conditions in the flophouses, and because of the demands put forward for immediate, real relief.

It is pointed out that while the militant workers' meetings are attacked and the speakers arrested, both the Salvation Army and "Proletarian Party" are permitted to hold meetings on the same corner unmolested.

## U. S. FLEET WILL REMAIN ON COAST

SAN PEDRO, Cal., April 20.—With the arrival here of William V. Pratt on a hurried visit from Washington, it is understood here that the entire United States fleet will be concentrated in the San Pedro-San Diego area this summer instead of carrying out the original schedule which called for the departure of the scouting fleet for Atlantic waters in May.

Below we print the results of followed a joint conference of the

the recruiting campaign conducted by the Communist Party of Districts 12 and 13, from the beginning of January until March 18. The campaign, conducted on the basis of revolutionary competition.

## RESULTS OF

District 12	District 13
Quota: To Double the membership:	Quota: To Double the membership:
New Members obtained—249.	New Members obtained—118.
Street units:	Street units:
7	20
Shop units:	Shop units:
3	2
3	6 (62 members)

Join the Communist Party—the Only Party of the Working Class! Defend the Soviet Union!

Capitalism is a system of wage slavery.—The Communist Party fights for the overthrow of Capitalism. Join the Communist Party.

## L. A. Workers Organizations Grow Despite "Red Squad"

LOS ANGELES, April 18.—The Los Angeles "Red Squad," continuing the intensified drive against workers' organizations launched shortly after the cases of the 45 defendants were dismissed in Long Beach, is continuing to swoop down on workers' meeting-places here and confiscate whatever they can find.

This heightened police terror has resulted in "visits" by the "Red Squad" to the I. L. D. office, the Co-operative Center, the Unemployed Council, the John Reed Club and the Jewish Workers' Club.

## PADLOCK HALL

At the I. L. D. office, according to Lillian Goodman, district organizer, the plainclothes thugs confiscated a bundle of Labor Defenders and all the other literature and mail they could find. They have visited the Co-operative Center a number of times in the past ten days, but have contented themselves with snooping around and trying to provoke workers found there. The Unemployed Council has been padlocked a number of times, literature confiscated and unemployed workers ordered out of the hall. A young workers arrested

there was held for three days on charges of suspicion of criminal syndicalism, then released.

The John Reed Club was visited by the raiders when the address of the club was found in the pocket of the workers arrested at the Unemployed Council. A locker was broken into, copies of Left Wing magazines confiscated, and a number of Russian posters torn from the walls.

At the Jewish Workers' Club, not finding any "documents," Hynes' squad resorted to carrying off quantities of food.

## ORGANIZATION GROWS

Despite this heightened police terror in Los Angeles, Lillian Goodman pointed out, the I. L. D. has increased in size and scope of activities. Within the last three-month period 250 new members have joined, among them many Negroes and Spanish-speaking workers; 3 new youth branches have been formed; new adult branches organized in Bellflower, Compton and Long Beach; and the circulation of the Labor Defender has increased both in the number of copies sold and in the territory covered.

## Pickens Calls on Police to Smash San Diego Meet

## U. S. Consuls Seek "Data" on Scottsboro Case Following Demonstration Abroad

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The State Department admitted today that a large number of American consulates abroad have asked for "data" on the Scottsboro case.

This is striking confirmation of the tremendous international protest aroused against the lynch frame-up of the seven Scottsboro boys. Fiery demonstrations have taken place in numerous European capitals.

Mass protest meetings continue to be held throughout the U. S. against the sentencing of the boys to the electric chair for May 13, while protest resolutions pour into the office of Gov. Miller of Alabama. Lawyers for the International Labor Defense are at the same time preparing an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 20.—Police were called here by William Pickens, field organizer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, against

workers who assembled outside the Calvary Baptist Church to hear Frank Spector, I. L. D. organizer, on the Scottsboro case. Previously Pickens had barred Spector and other workers from asking questions and discussing the Scottsboro case during the meeting in the church.

Altho at the beginning of the meeting the chairman announced that questions would be answered by Pickens, the meeting was hastily closed when it was seen that workers present intended to expose the betrayal policy of the N.A.A.C.P. in the Scottsboro case. Instead of questions, the choir sang religious songs and the meeting was hastily adjourned.

Workers then assembled outside and listened to Spector who showed up sharply the role of the N. A. A. C. P. in supporting the lynch policies of the bosses, and urged support for the I. L. D. in its militant fight to free the Scottsboro boys, Mooney, Billings and the Imperial Valley prisoners.

Twenty-one Negro and white workers joined the I. L. D. at the meeting.

## NEW WAGE SLASH LOOMS IN STEEL

Will Bring Wages Down to 20 Cents an Hour; Union Urges Resistance

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 21.—Another general wage cut for the steel workers is being planned in the very near future, it was learned here today.

This will be the second general cut, wages of the workers having been slashed last October, the decreases ranging from 10 to 30 per cent.

of steel workers close to the record low level of 20 cents an hour. The new cut will bring the wages which existed just prior to the World War.

The Steel Workers Industrial Union is intensifying its organization activities in the mills and preparing to mobilize the workers to resist the wage cut.

## Comrade Nick Sario, Militant, Is Mourned by S. F. Workers

The members of District 13,

Communist Party, regret the death of a comrade and fighter, Nick Sario. The work of organizing and fighting will be carried on by the many comrades he left behind. Nick Sario's death, due to the mad lust of the bosses for more profits, will be avenged by the militant workers, who pledge themselves to carry on until the system of wage slavery is abolished.

## LENIN ON ROLE OF MAY 1

The Russian revolutionary movement utilized May Day to great advantage. In the preface to a pamphlet, "May Day in Kharkov" published in November, 1900, Lenin wrote:

"In another six months, the Russian people will celebrate the first of May of the first year of the new century, and it is time we set to work to make the arrangements for organizing the celebrations in as large a number of centers as possible, and on as imposing scale as possible, not only by the number that will take part in them, but also by their organized character, by the class-consciousness they will reveal, by the determination that will be shown to commence the irrepressible struggle for the political liberation of the Russian people, and, consequently, for a free opportunity for the class development of the proletariat and its open struggle for Socialism (Communism)."

(Lenin, "The Iskra Period," Bk. 1, p. 44.)

It can be seen how important Lenin considered the May Day demonstrations, since he called attention to them six months ahead of time. Speaking of how May Day celebrations "Can become great political demonstrations," Lenin asked why the Kharkov May Day celebration in 1900 was "an event of outstanding importance," and answered, "the mass participation of the workers in the strike, the huge mass meetings in the streets, the unfurling of red flags, the presentation of demands indicated in leaflets and the revolutionary character of these demands—eight-hour day and political liberty."